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November 25, 1958

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Mr. [redacted]  
12 West Fifth Street  
Panama City, Florida

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

It was indeed kind of you to forward your letter of November 21, 1958, with enclosure, concerning "Masters of Deceit" and the article entitled "J. Edgar Hoover and God." Your generous comments and defense are very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See Jones to Nease memo dated 11/25/58 captioned "'J. Edgar Hoover and God,' Sermon Preached by Berkeley Blake, Minister, Unitarian Church, Santa Barbara, California, 5/25/58," HEH:lmh.

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12 West 5th Street  
Panama City, Florida  
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November 21, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I simply cannot put into words what a tremendous thrill it was to me to read your book "Masters of Deceit". And if you think this is in the nature of a "fan letter", go right ahead and think it, because that is exactly what it is. When I consider what you and the people in your organization have done for this wonderful country of ours, it makes me feel most humble and very grateful at one and the same time.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written which is self explanatory.

You have my unbounded admiration and my sincere respect.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted signature box]

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Panama City, Fla.

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Nov. 21, 1953

The Unitarian Register  
25 Beacon Street  
Boston 8, Mass.

Gentlemen:

It was with genuine grief that I have just read "J. Edgar Hoover and God" by Dorothy D. Blake in the November issue of the Unitarian Register. Only the days ago had I finished reading Mr. Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit". And what Dr. Blake sees in the book is the cause of genuine grief. To me Mr. Hoover has done a tremendous service to us Unitarians, and to the nation as a whole. To pick him apart on the questionable thesis that he approves only the orthodox in religion is a sorry task indeed.

I do not know what Mr. Hoover's religion is. That is his business, and a very personal business it is. Freedom of inquiry, the use of reason and tolerance of other religious beliefs are the very backbone of the Unitarian body, and let us be tolerant of Mr. Hoover's religion so long as he is not intolerant of ours. His book vigorously approves a belief in God, but nowhere in it is there a criticism of liberal religion. He does not say that all atheists are communists. He does say that all communists are atheists.

Let me commend the reading of "Masters of Deceit" to every Unitarian. It is not a book about religion at all. It is the clearest and most convincing document in print today on the menace and the threatening horror that is communism. To pick the author apart and infer that he opposes a liberal religion, or freedom of religion, is negligible in the extreme. Far from this, it would seem to me that one who believes in freedom, religious or political, will gain from Mr. Hoover's work the fullest appreciation of what the communists would do to those freedoms should they ever get the chance.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

Chairman  
The Unitarian Fellowship  
of Beacon City

cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover ✓

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Dr. [redacted]  
2200 Sixth Avenue  
San Diego 1, California

Dear Dr. [redacted]:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful note of  
November 21, 1958. It was a pleasure to autograph the copy of  
"Masters of Deceit" to you, and I certainly am grateful for your  
kind comments. Your offer of hospitality is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Autographed copy of the book sent [redacted] on 10-17-58 at the  
request of Dr. [redacted]

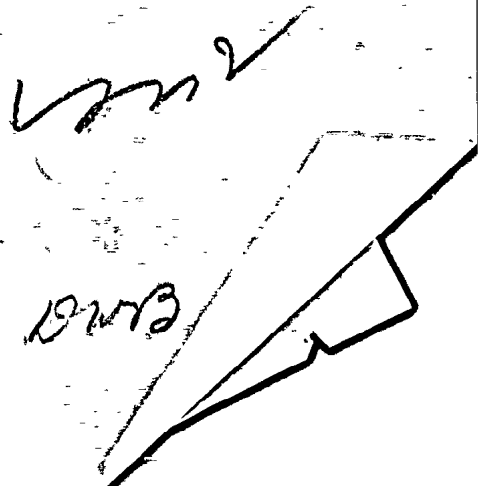
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[Redacted] M.D.  
2290 SIXTH AVENUE  
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November 21, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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M.A. [unclear]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I received the personally inscribed copy of your book yesterday through the courtesy of Doctor [Redacted] of the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Maryland, and I just wanted to take this opportunity to write and thank you very much indeed for your courtesy in inscribing this book for me.

Needless to say, it is a great honor to have this volume by one whom I personally respect so much and who has done so much for our country. It will be a most valuable addition to my library.

Thank you again for your courtesy; and when you are next in La Jolla, if there is anything I can do to make your visit more enjoyable I hope that you will not hesitate to call on me.

Yours very sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted] M.D.

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Mr. [redacted] Jr.  
6550 Hohman Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 25, 1958, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

I am pleased by your kind comments about "Masters of Deceit" and encouraged by your desire to protect the freedoms we enjoy in the United States. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which I thought you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)  
God and Country or Communism?  
How to Beat Communism  
100 Things You Should Know About Communism in the U.S.A.

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6550 Hohmann Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Dir. F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I have just finished reading Masters Of Deceit. I think with out a doubt that it is the most informing book I have ever read. I am a sophomore in high school and after reading your book I feel more than ever that one of the best ways to defeat Communism in the world and in the United States is to educate the youth of the world the real evils and dangers of Communism. I feel that it be mandatory that every child of high school age should read parts of your book. I don't feel that it would violate the freedom of thought by infultrating ones mind with the value of freedom. I used to take my freedom for granted but I now regard it as the most valuable thing I have or could ever hope to have.

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I am so thankful to God that there are people like you and the men and women of great organizations such as the F.B.I. that are working to protect the freedom of the people of the United States and of the world. I would be more than glad to do anything to protect freedom. I know that if every child and adult of the United States would awaken to the fact of what could happen, I don't think Communism would stand a chance. I beg of you to further inform me and the rest of the youth of the country how to protect our freedom.

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I remain faithfully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Honorable Meier Steinbrink  
Supreme Court of the State of New York  
Second Judicial District  
Borough Hall  
Brooklyn 1, New York

My dear Judge:

Thank you for your thoughtful note of November 26, 1958, and your kind remarks regarding "Masters of Deceit." Your generous comments mean a great deal to me, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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~~Mr. E. C. Stukenbroeker~~ Enclosure

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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

November 26,  
1958

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*masters of Deceit*

Because I have just concluded reading your book, I am motivated to write to you to say that it is a splendid resume of Communism and what we can do to fight it, and if I had my way I would make it required reading in the senior classes of every high school in the country and the freshman classes of every university and college.

I congratulate you on the authorship of what I regard as a valuable piece of literature.

Cordially yours,

Meier Steinbrink

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Legat, London (66-106)

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

DATE: November 28, 1958

This is to advise that copies of the book "Masters of Deceit" have now been furnished the following persons:

Sir [redacted], K.B.E., C.B., C.V.D.,  
Permanent Undersecretary of State, Home Office

[redacted] Assistant Commissioner, New Scotland Yard

[redacted] British Security Service MI-5

Sir [redacted] British Security Service MI-6

Superintendent [redacted] Special Branch, New  
Scotland Yard

[redacted] Deputy Commander, Special Branch, New  
Scotland Yard

[redacted] British Security Service MI-5

Chief Superintendent [redacted] Garda Siochana,  
Phoenix Park, Dublin, Ireland

Miss [redacted] British Security Service MI-5

[redacted] O.B.E., British Security Service MI-5

Brigadier [redacted] O.B.E., British Security  
Service MI-5

[redacted] Danish Security Service, Copenhagen,  
Denmark.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *Keenan*

DATE: NOVEMBER 26, 1958

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: AUTOGRAPHED BOOK  
"MASTERS OF DECEIT"

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Gandy	_____

During a recent discussion, Mr. [redacted] expressed a great desire to obtain an autographed copy of the Director's book MASTERS OF DECEIT. He would like to give this book to Mrs. [redacted] who is the wife of Mr. [redacted] *Wach D.* an official of the Federal Sign and Signal Corporation. This is one of the companies Mr. [redacted] represents.

In view of the extreme cooperation that Mr. [redacted] has given the Bureau, it is recommended that the enclosed book be autographed and given to him. On many occasions he has stated that he thoroughly enjoyed reading his copy of the book. It is noted that Mr. [redacted] copy of the book was autographed by the Director.

Bureau records fail to reflect any derogatory information regarding the [redacted] or Mr. [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the enclosed book be autographed to Mrs. [redacted] and be given to Mr. [redacted]

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December 3, 1958

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[Redacted]  
Halifax Infirmary  
Queen Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Dear Sister [Redacted]:

Your note of November 23, 1958, has been received, and your thoughtfulness in writing is appreciated. I am indeed pleased that the copy of "Masters of Deceit" sent you by your brother has attracted so much attention, and your gracious remarks are especially encouraging. Thank you very much for your kind thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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~~Mr. F. C. Stukenbroeker~~

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NOTE: John P. Quinlan EOD 2-5-51, Grade GS 12, assigned RA Hazard, Kentucky out of Louisville.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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November 23, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

✓  
✓ M. G. [Signature]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

When your excellent book, "Masters of Deceit", arrived here, having been sent by my brother John (Quinlan), I was not here. The Sisters, realizing what it was, and by whom, availed themselves of it in turn. Having read so much about you, they were anxious to have the opportunity to learn more about communism from such an authority. It was only last month that the book finally made its way to me, and I was able to appreciate its contents.

That is why this note of thanks goes to you at this time, a few months after the book had been received here.

Be assured of our prayers for you in the work which you are accomplishing for the benefit of each individual, and the country as a whole. Your leadership has caused many to see beyond the force of civil law to God's Jurisdiction over all men.

Very truly yours,

Sister [Redacted]

Sister [Redacted]

[Signature]

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: November 25, 1958

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

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SUBJECT: DR. HARRY A. OVERSTREET  
MRS. BONARO OVERSTREET  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*JWS*

Reference is made to the enclosed memorandum dated November 21, 1958, from Mr. Nease to Mr. Tolson captioned as above. It is of some interest to note the views expressed in this memorandum reflecting that the Overstreets' book may be receiving the "freeze treatment." If so, this is too bad, for while working with the Overstreets on this book I purposely had them direct 95% of their thinking to the world communist movement believing this would best supplement the Director's book which was directed almost 100% to the communist movement in the United States. It is even of greater interest to observe the statement of Jay Waldron to the effect that the book trade being unable to stifle the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," has been giving the silent treatment to the Overstreets.

This may or may not be true, but if it is true, it is entirely possible that this lack of interest in a book on communism may carry over to an increase in the lack of interest in maintaining our internal security programs and in giving the Bureau the support it should have in combating subversive movements in this country from the left.

As I have pointed out in previous memoranda, Mr. Nichols arranged with Bureau approval for me to work with the Overstreets on this book, "What We Must Know About Communism." The Overstreets have now asked me to give them similar assistance on a new book which they contemplate "Courage Behind the Iron Curtain." This book would deal mainly with important men and women who have defected from the communist movement in communist countries and have fled from those nations. It would be more or less a psychological study of the defects of communism and the reasons why these people repudiated the communist philosophy and practices. I was noncommittal in regard to their request indicating it would be taken under advisement.

It seems to me we should look at this matter very coldly and realistically. While there is no doubt in my mind that the Overstreets as reformed liberals wish to use their talents in combating communism in the intellectual world, there is also no doubt in my mind that they are conscious of the fact that they make their living by writing books. In a sense, they are combining their desire to strike at communism with their livelihood. While there is nothing improper about this, I do think it is

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: DR. HARRY A. OVERSTREET  
MRS. BONARO OVERSTREET

something to be kept in mind when they ask the assistance of the Bureau in the preparation of this second book. It would seem to me that we should be practical ourselves about this. In what way can the Overstreets be of assistance to the Bureau? I know they have been putting in a good word for the Bureau during the lectures which they give in the field of psychology and education around the country. Further, they were quite disturbed by the article in the "Nation" criticizing the Bureau, and they informed me they would make inquiries about it where they traveled and would repudiate the material in the "Nation" when opportunities arose to do so during their lectures and conferences conducted. They are honorable people and when they make a statement of this kind, I fully believe that they mean it.

Enclosed also will be found a letter to the Director from the Overstreets dated November 18, 1958, wherein they gave some concrete evidence that they kept this question of the "Nation" magazine and its attacks on the Bureau in mind. Further, we know that the Overstreets, having a following among intellectuals particularly in the fields of education and psychology, will be read by such people when they write on communism or Russia, whereas some nonliberals who write on the same subject will not be read. Therefore, there is value in this for the Bureau, difficult though it may be to measure the extent of it.

In the light of the above, I do think it is worthwhile from the Bureau's standpoint to grant me the permission to give the Overstreets some limited assistance in the preparation of their new book, "Courage Behind the Iron Curtain." I wish to call attention to the word "limited." I don't think we should give them nearly as much assistance in this new book as was given to them in the preparation of their recent book "What We Must Know About Communism." As I have pointed out in another memorandum, I spent night after night last fall and winter and some week ends with the Overstreets on that book. I don't think that we should do this all over again. Yet, I think it would be realistic to give them a limited amount of help with public source material and with suggestions as to how to organize the book. By limited help, I mean sufficient to keep them interested in the Bureau and willing to be of assistance to us in the intellectual and educational circles in which they travel, write, and lecture.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Sullivan be given permission to give the Overstreets a limited amount of help with their new book "Courage Behind the Iron Curtain."

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V. *[Handwritten signature]*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: November 26, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

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Legat, London, by letter dated 11/14/58, furnished the Bureau a copy of a review of the above-captioned book in "The Spectator" by D. W. Brogan. "The Spectator," published in London, is one of England's best known periodicals. (It is reported as being nonpartisan and conservative) According to Legat, London, Brogan is the author of many books in the political science field. He is a Professor of Political Science at Cambridge University, England, and a Fellow of Balliol at Oxford University, England. Brogan lectured at Harvard and Princeton Universities in the United States and is reported to be the greatest authority on the United States in England.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF REVIEW:

Brogan's review which is entitled "The Man Under the Bed" is mainly critical of "Masters of Deceit." Not only is it critical directly but throughout the review, Brogan slyly "pokes fun at" the Bureau and makes the Bureau's operations, especially in the security field, appear to be ludicrous.

Brogan opens his review by asserting that among Freudian psychoanalysts in the lifetime of Freud, it used to be the custom, so he was informed, to refer to Freud as "the great unanalysed" in contemporary America. According to Brogan, J. Edgar Hoover might well be known as the "great uninvestigated." Hoover has built up in 30 years not merely the FBI but an immense personal reputation. He has taken a discredited minor federal agency and turned it into one of the most efficient police forces in the world. In this process he has "got himself accepted as the one indispensable man. Presidents come and go, but Mr. Hoover remains. And I have heard it asserted, more than once, that not even the most resolute President dare touch Mr. Hoover, that even Mr. Truman, who gave General Mac Arthur the old heave-ho so briskly, would not have dared. His agents may come croppers, but, if not exactly above the battle, he is as invulnerable as an Achilles with no undoused tendon. To many liberals he is an object of dislike; to many newspapermen he is the object of unflattering anecdote and irreverent admiration. There he is and there he stays.

Brogan asserted that he had seen the Director give evidence before a Senate Committee and was struck by his complete composure and deference, and also by the timidity "with which he was handled." The "explanation commonly offered-- 'he's got something on all of them'--didn't seem quite adequate." No, here was the

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"self-acknowledged guardian of the Republic," the man who kept his eyes on the "termites" who eat away the foundations of the Nation making them rotten from within so that the Soviet Union could take over. Thanks to Mr. Hoover the "Commies" had been halted and treason cut short. This is the image which is often found of the Director in America, according to Brogan.

Speaking of "Masters of Deceit" Brogan said that there was "something of pathos in the book, and something of the edifying but ineffectual in the programme." According to Brogan, it is hard indeed to believe that in 1958 the American people can respond to another demonstration of the fact that Communists are the enemies of the American way of life and that there still are Americans whose loyalty to the Communist Party completely wipes out any sense of loyalty to the United States. "If there are, it seems unlikely that even a book authored by Mr. Hoover will unstop their ears. A few citizens may be induced to phone the local branch of the FBI and report dirty work in the neighbour's garbage can, but that is about all." Brogan says that the data on the communist underground has been much better done by Miss Bentley and Mr. Chambers, but if anyone still thinks that joining the Communist Party is like joining the Young Liberals "this book is useful reading." The book, despite "skillful writing" lacks emotional punch.

Brogan says that nevertheless the book does raise questions such as were Americans hoodwinked by the communist conspiracy. He says Mr. Hoover in "Masters of Deceit," despite suggesting a loss of religious faith, has little to say regarding the real explanation. The amount of time devoted to Soviet anti-Semitism is excessive while not enough is devoted to discussing why so many Jews (in relation to their numbers) became communists.

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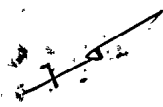
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The copy of the review as furnished by Legat, London, is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.



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# AUTUMN BOOKS

## The Man Under the Bed

By D. W. BROGAN

AMONG Freudian psychoanalysts, in the lifetime of the Master, it used to be the custom (I was once told) to refer to Freud as 'the great unanalysed.' And in contemporary America; Mr. J. Edgar Hoover might well be known as the 'great uninvestigated.' Others abide his questions; he is free. For Mr. Hoover has built up in thirty years not merely the FBI but an immense personal reputation. He has done that by taking a ramshackle and discredited minor federal agency and turning it into one of the most efficient police forces in the world. He has done that by creating a legend of the G-man that has largely transferred the romantic interest from the robbers to the cops. He has got himself accepted as the one indispensable man. Presidents come and go, but Mr. Hoover remains. And I have heard it asserted more than once that not even the most resolute President dare touch Mr. Hoover, that Mr. Truman, who gave General MacArthur the old heave-ho so briskly, would not have dared. His agents may come croppers, but, if not exactly above the battle, he is as invulnerable as an Achilles with no undoused tendon. To many liberals, he is an object of dislike; to many newspapermen he is the object of unflattering anecdote and irreverent admiration. There he is and there he stays.

The prestige is universally accepted; so is the formidable character of the man. I can remember his giving evidence before a Senate committee and being struck by his complete composure and by the deference, nay timidity, with which he was handled. No more *de haut en bas* witness ever confronted the senatorial watchdogs. And the explanation commonly offered—he's got something on all of them—didn't seem quite adequate. No, there was the self-acknowledged guardian of the Republic. And what he kept his sleepless eye on was no longer great gangsters or peccant bankers, but the termites who sleeplessly ate away at the foundations of the Republic, making it rotten from within so that the Soviet Union could take over. It was thanks to Mr. Hoover that the Combies had been halted and then thrown back; that the long roll of secret treason had been cut short. Credit for exposing Hiss might go to Mr. Nixon, Mr. Murphy or Mr. Chambers, but the real hero of this and all comparable cases was Mr. Hoover. If, to the annoyance and discomfiture of the liberals, some eminent ex-federal officials admitted that the red hunters had been right, that was less due to the prickings of newly awakened conscience than to the fear put into the witnesses by the FBI—and that was seen as the shadow of one man.

That man has now put before the American public a statement of danger and a plan for action to save America from the endless conspiracy that is at work inside the United States. Mr. Hoover thinks that the American people should first of

all know their enemy, then rally to the support of the FBI. It is, or ought to be, a popular programme and a popular book.\* But I had an impression that there was something of pathos in the book, and something of the edifying but ineffectual in the programme. For it is hard, indeed, to believe that, in 1958, the American public can respond to another demonstration of the fact that Communists are the enemies of the American way of life and that there still are Americans whose fidelity to the Communist Party completely wipes out any sense of loyalty to the United States. We may still have babes in the wood of the school of the Earl Jowitt, but are there any dupes of this kind left in the USA? If there are, it seems unlikely that even a book authored by Mr. Hoover will unstop their ears. A few citizens may be induced to phone the local branch of the FBI and report dirty work in the neighbour's garbage can, but that is about all.

If *Masters of Deceit* is no great call to battle, what other interest has it? For people who have never heard of party discipline or have no notion that Lenin spoke but the truth when he decreed that party members must give to the party the whole of their lives, the anonymous case histories recounted here may be illuminating, at any rate, they will be more useful than Mr. Hoover on

the dialectic, and it is sometimes possible to pierce the veil of anonymity and identify the clinical case. This revelation of the Communist underworld has been much better done by Miss Bentley and by Mr. Chambers, but if anyone still thinks that joining the Communist Party is like joining the Young Liberals or the League of Empire Loyalists, this book is useful reading. It makes plain, for example, how incompatible with normal married life party discipline is and how far from naive notions of sexual licence is the hard reality of party life. Some of the stories of those who escaped are touching, but, despite skilful writing, this book lacks emotional punch.

None the less it does raise questions of some general interest. Mr. Hoover is puzzled by the atrocious fact that 100 per cent. Americans did serve the party and these traitors were necessarily products of social and economic conditions. But apart from suggesting that as a religious faith was an almost universal commitment or prerequisite of accepting party commitments, Mr. Hoover has little to tell us that really explains. Thus he devotes an excessive amount of time to expounding the theme Soviet anti-Semitism and not enough to discuss why so many Jews (in relation to their number) became Communists. How often was it a rep- to anti-Semitism, overt and terrifying in Germany, covert and odious in America? How many mere misfits joined the party? How could they have believed that its agitational work was getting anywhere when it failed so dismally in the depression? The original American Communists c. 1919 were nearly all recent immigrants, cut off from America by language doctrine and conceit. They could believe nonsense. But Hiss, Chambers and the rest were misfits never in danger and so they didn't really need Mr. Hoover to save it.

But problems hinted at remain. How, for instance, did the party manage to break down one of the main taboos of the Protestant ethic, formal truthfulness? If I were asked to say what has been the chief crime of the Communist Party in Western Europe, Australia and North America, I should say the encouraging of lying, the continual and base betrayal of confidence in small societies where life is only tolerable if telling the truth is at least attempted. To discover that a trusted subordinate or friend has been a liar for years has been a disastrous shock for many worthy bourgeois well-wishers of all good liberal causes. Yet to belong to the party was to be committed to mendacity. It is this fact that makes me impatient of another serious Communist moral weakness, their conceit. Are there any non-conceited Communists or ex-Communists? There are some, but their stay in the party is usually short and commanded mendacity has been one of the reasons why they left. The belief that they were in the historical know, that they could see through the tapestry to the seamy side, was one of the gratifications membership

### Claus von Stauffenberg, 1944

(of the bomb plot on Hitler)

It is not merely the approach of snow, Haunting the stiffened earth, but total fear Which stuns a history underfoot, and so Cracks values in a landscape of despair.

They chose the unknown, and the bounded terror, As a corrective, who corrected live Surveying without choice the bounding error. An unsanctioned present must be primitive.

A few still have the vigor to deny Fear is a natural state; their motives neither Of doctrinaire, of turncoat, nor of spy. Lucidity of thought draws them together.

The maimed young Colonel who can calculate On two remaining fingers and a will, Takes lessons from the past; to detonate A bomb that Brutus rendered possible.

Over the maps a moment, face to face: Across from Hitler, whose grey eyes have filled A nation with the illogic of their gaze, The rational man is poised. Destroy to build.

And though he fails, honor personified: In a cold time where honor cannot grow, He stiffens, like a statue, in mid-stride, —Falling toward history, and under snow.

THOM GUNN

\* MASTERS OF DECEIT: THE STORY OF COMMUNISM IN AMERICA. By J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation. (Dent, 25s.)

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afforded ambitious souls in the Western democracies. If later, they reversed the process and saw through the tapestry the other way round, the moral effect on me was much the same. I have no patience with the belief that you must have gone through Communism to see its dangers steadily and whole. It is like asserting that you must have had syphilis before you can usefully talk about love. The decline in moral tone can be illustrated from English history. All the policy of the test acts required that the victims should prefer ruin, often an unpleasant death, exile, rather than lie about their fundamental beliefs. Not so with the Bolsheviks. And one consequence is that no party has such a record of undenied treason and double betrayals. It has been a party mainly composed, in its higher echelons, of Judases. It has been easily penetrated; therefore, in a recent American case, every witness, as well as the accused, turned out to be a member of the FBI—a record that beats even the tiny party

of Lenin's day. Communists complain of being spied on, of being mistrusted, but I do some of them the compliment of assuming that this indignation is only for the record. Ex-Communists are more muddled (see Mr. Claud Cockburn in last week's Spectator)—and thinner-skinned.

But in America, the decline in the party—the silent exodus which has wrecked an organisation that even as late as 1948 could fix great mass meetings in New York in support of that stooge of stooges, Mr. Henry Wallace—is a fact. In that decline Mr. Hoover's boys have played a modest part. But it is my guess that there are now as many FBI agents in operation as active Communists. Mr. Hoover's book is a plea that the FBI is still needed, it is, but not necessarily hunting under the bed for a new Hiss or Fuchs. The American public is no longer frightened and there is some danger it will begin to laugh at the FBI if the old tactics are continued. If sympathy is to play with the cops, they need some new robber.

Humor and Humour

The Comic Tradition in America. An Anthology edited with a Foreword and Notes by Kenneth S. Lynn. (Gollancz, 21s.)

ONE does not pick up a book with this kind of title in any very high hopes of a laughing jag. 'Comic' has established itself in lecturers' parlance as what amounts to a warning that humour fades—discuss the comic invention of Ben Jonson, the comic extravagance of Sterne—while 'tradition' is nowadays a word which enforces gloom. The editor of the present volume, an assistant professor of English at Harvard, seems half-aware of these windward corners, and says, preferably, that there is nothing in this anthology that doesn't make him laugh, an assertion some people will find themselves checking more and more incredulously as they plough through the text. On finishing the two pieces by Melville, rib-chillers if ever there were such, they may well wonder why they have been offered no horse laughs from the pen of Thoreau or Emerson, no drolleries by Ambrose Bierce: what about 'A Watcher by the Dead,' say? (Incidentally, Bierce was not negligible as a comic—sorry, funny writer—and some of his reworked fables anticipate Thurber. There is a good one about the lion whom the other lions allowed to 'eat' a whole Christian himself because he knew them; they had met that time the Christian took a thorn out of the lion's paw.) (I mean this.)

The authors who have succeeded in making Mr. Lynn laugh enough to want them in his book have a variety of claims to fame. Apart from Melville, there is Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier, admitted, but not as funny on paper as he evidently looked in his cap. There is Hawthorne, represented by 'The Celestial Railroad,' which is about as funny as Swift's 'Modest Proposal,' and shows a similar capacity for hitting the nail on the head, and then proceeding to drive it a foot deep into the wood. There is Poe, a truly comic figure, as readers of the *Tales* will know. In the two satirical pieces reprinted here he shows himself to be as bad when he tries to be funny as he is when he writes about what it feels like to enter the living presence of DEATH, and bad in the same way, with the same indifference to reality; anybody who followed his prescriptions in the science of diddling would either starve or land in gaol. There is, lastly, Henry James, whose contribution is the longest in the volume, oddly enough. I thought at first that this inclusion was meant to raise an ultra-sophisticated laugh, perhaps at the idea of any

body actually sitting down to read. The Point of View, as one might put the whole of *The Ring and the Book* into an anthology of comic verse. It is clear at once, however, that if James is seldom funny he is never unfunny, and that this is the best piece in the book. There is, of course, negligible drama incident, characterization and narrative, but that wonderfully clever, observant mind, with its huge social curiosity and understanding—applied to groups rather than individuals, and so perhaps more befitting an essayist than a novelist—manages to make all the other authors here look sick. In this 'all' I include Mark Twain, one of the oddest candidates ever, if I may say so, for world status as anything.

The notion of Poe, Hawthorne, Melville and others as comic writers, however strange to the English reader, is not a new one in American terms; it is all there, to look no farther back, in Constance Rourke's *American Humor* (1931). There is discernible a folksy, grotesque, jaunting, exaggerated vein—often approaching the horrific—that runs all the way from the generic tale of the Yankee to the fantasy of Melville, in whom these qualities seem decadent, or at least a source of weakness, rather than strength. Mr. Lynn cannot be allowed to get away with saying that the whole thing is brewed out of the roots of folk humor like parsnip wine (any more than his mauling about Bergson and Freud can be tolerated at this stage), but there is a sense here in which a gingerly mention of 'tradition' is not nonsensical. It is evident, anyway, that this extravagant vein is quite alien to English humour, which even at its least funny has been social from Chaucer onward, compared with Davy Crockett and his friends. Mr. Wodehouse is a tight-lipped realist. Of all Mr. Lynn's laughter-rousers, James is likely to seem the most sympathetic because the most European, but it is also true that history has favoured him. The comic tradition, strongly American and of the nineteenth century, is dead. What has replaced it is something far more cosmopolitan, perhaps as a partial result of the great immigrations of the later nineteenth century and after. Today English humour is under some American influence, but that influence has itself become strongly Europeanised. At any rate, I suspect that both nationalities prefer Bob Hope to Uncle Remus.

KINGSLEY AMIS

December 3, 1958

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Mr. Frank K. ~~Tanner~~  
3322 St. John Street  
~~Tampa, Florida~~

Dear Mr. Tanner:

Your letter dated November 26, 1958, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting your forwarding your observations. I want to thank you, also, for the poem you sent me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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 Comes into power:  
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 Like Genghis Khan,  
 Supported by a group he formed -  
 Imposed his will on helpless fold,  
 Whom he enslaved.  
 With German soldiers then impressed,  
 He fell upon the neighbor states;  
 His prisoners were gassed -  
 In concentration camps,  
 Or forced to labor there -  
 Almost unfed.  
 The world - aroused at last,  
 His Nazis lost the war;  
 Their body crawled away,  
 And yet -  
 Their horrid thought went marching on.  
 With revolution undermined,  
 The Russians fell -  
 And Hitlerism gained control.  
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 Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
 Director of the F. B. I;  
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 3322 St. John St.  
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TO : MR. NEASE

DATE: December 3, 1958

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SUBJECT:

I have requested an autographed copy of the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" for my family physician, Dr.  815 E. Capitol Street, Washington, D. C., as a gift to show my appreciation for his thoughtfulness over the years. Dr.  has known me all my life and naturally knows of my employment with the FBI. Everytime I have occasion to see him, he always remarks about the Director and what a wonderful man he is and of the fact that he and the Director were childhood friends and grew up in the same area in Washington, D. C. Dr.  also attended George Washington University.

On a visit to Dr.  office yesterday, my mother mentioned to him that I was getting him a copy of the Director's book "Masters of Deceit." My mother related he was overwhelmed and asked her if she could ask me to see that Mr. Hoover got the attached note along with the copy of the book. The note reads as follows: "Edgar -- Would appreciate a few words over your signature so that my family might have your book and autograph in our library. We always read your words when they are available to us -- "

ACTION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Director if you deem it advisable. I have ascertained from the Crime Records Section that this book is in the Director's Office awaiting autograph.

Enclosure  
1 - Mr. Jones

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[Redacted] M. D.  
Off: 815 E. Capitol Street  
By Appointment Only

Directions

*Edgar* —

*would appreciate  
a few words over  
your signature so  
that my family might  
have your book and  
autograph in our library.  
We always read your  
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December 3, 1958

Mr. [redacted]  
Senior Vice President  
Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust  
Company  
437 West Jefferson Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

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Dear Mr. [redacted]:

The outstanding cooperation you have afforded my associates in Louisville during the last several years in connection with the law enforcement conferences in Kentucky has been brought to my attention by Mr. Charles E. Weeks, Special Agent in Charge of our Louisville Office. I am sure you realize how much your courtesy means to law enforcement officials who have attended these gatherings, and I want you to know that all of us in the FBI are deeply grateful.

At the suggestion of Mr. Weeks, I am sending you, under separate cover, an autographed copy of "Masters of Deceit" which we hope will in some measure repay you for the many kindnesses you have rendered us.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. [redacted]  
125 Charles River Street  
Route 92  
Needham  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your note of November 28, 1958, has been received. I am deeply gratified by your message concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," and I want to thank you for writing me in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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125 Charles River St.  
Needham RFD 92, Mass.

November 28, 1958.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your recent book, "Masters of Deceit," is  
excellent.

/s/ [Redacted]

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125 Charles River St.  
Needham RFD 92, Mass.

November 28, 1958.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your recent book, "Masters  
of Deceit", is excellent.



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 1958

FROM : Legat, London (66-106)

SUBJECT: THE SPECTATOR  
 99 GOWER STREET  
 LONDON, W.C. 1, ENGLAND  
 RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

ReBulet 11/5/58, stating a form letter had been received from The Spectator, Ltd., advising that a copy of that publication containing a review of the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," was being forwarded, but that the publication was not received.

There is enclosed an article entitled "The Man Under the Bed" by D. W. BROGAN, which appeared in "The Spectator" for October 3, 1958. This is a review of "Masters of Deceit."

For the Bureau's information, the author, D. W. BROGAN, was born in 1900 in Glasgow, Scotland. He is the author of many books in the political science field, including "American Characters," "English People," and "American Political System." He is a Professor of Political Science at Cambridge University, England, and a Fellow of Balliol at Oxford University, England. BROGAN has lectured at Harvard and Princeton in the United States and is alleged to be the greatest authority on the U. S. A. in England.

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EX-103

Mrs. [redacted]  
Roseau, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your kind letter postmarked December 1, 1953, has been received, and I am indeed grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing me.

Your generous comments concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," are very gratifying, and it is encouraging for me to know that my views are worthy of your approval. I certainly have no objection to your quoting from this book on a limited basis in the manner you indicated.

Please accept my thanks for your prayers and best wishes and feel free to communicate with me at any time I may be of service.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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Roseau, Minn.  
Nov. 20, 1958

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We heard your former counter-spy Matt Cvetic talk this week. He was sponsored by the American Legion.

I was grateful for this opportunity altho' I read all I can on Communism and what is happening to our country. trouble is I can't retain enough of it in my memory, but I try to interest others who are apathetic.

Read your book, so perfectly named "Masters of Deceit." If I am able to find the time and energy to write "letters to the editor" may I quote from your book, giving the source? I would like to try this to interest people who are not reading it - or if they - don't read it, at least to bring to their attention some of what is written in it. It is my theory that people read local papers, even tho' they fail to do deeper reading.

I do not understand about these things - if permission is required before one can quote from someone's book, if credit is given. Will you please advise me in this case? I realize there is damage from quotes being used to make them sound different from what the author intended.

Ours is quite a community. the methodist minister I understand says "there's a lot of good things about Communism." One parishioner, Mrs. [redacted] quoted him thus and seems to be sold on the idea.

People are so unable to recognize Communism at work. Even our librarian did not recognize how (I believe the title was "Soviet Russia, today") the color pictures portraying happy vacationing "workers" was all the "Reds" wanted to get across to those who thumbed thro' its pages. But we are so much better off than they are." to me the free magazine for our Public Library table was a bid for us to forget the muder and treachery that is Communism and see what it has done for the workers. I told her this is, after all, the cold war and we certainly shouldn't be tooting their horn - there are no magazines praising our country on their library tables. I hope it was right. It was the winter before your book came to our library - Have noticed no "Soviet" magazines since. -

At least I can urge others in my Christmas letters to write for the strengthening of the F. B. I., Internal Security and House Un-American Activities Committees -

And tell you that we appreciate what you have done and are doing for our country. It was Mr. Cvetic who suggested we all write our appreciation.

May God bless you and help us win this fight for our survival.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) [redacted]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

Kennett, Minn  
Nov. 28, 1958

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Mr. Nease	
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Masters of Deceit

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survival.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs)

62-104277-1075

December 8, 1958

EX-102

Mr. [redacted] Jr.  
Ward R3, R 336  
Veterans Hospital  
Oteen, North Carolina

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Your letter postmarked December 1, 1958, has been received and I thoroughly understand the concern which prompted your communication.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency. As such, our responsibility is to investigate violations of Federal statutes and other matters conferred upon this Bureau by virtue of Executive orders and Presidential proclamations and to present our findings to appropriate Government officials who have the responsibility of deciding what action is to be taken. It is, accordingly, not a function of the FBI to determine the policy which this Government will follow under particular circumstances or whether prosecutive action will be initiated.

While I would like to be of service to you, I do not believe, therefore, it would be proper for me as Director of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency, to comment upon matters about which you have inquired. I trust you will understand my position in this regard.

Your kind personal comments as well as those concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," are indeed gratifying.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. [REDACTED] Jr.

NOTE FOR SAC, CHARLOTTE:

There is enclosed for your information a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, who is a patient at Veterans Hospital, Oteen, North Carolina, says he has read "Masters of Deceit" and enjoyed it. He then asks why we took the communists in as an ally if we knew what they were doing as far back as the book says we did; why communism cannot be stopped if we know as much about it as the book says; and why Americans belonging to the Communist Party are not arrested and deported if we know what the book says about them. He asks that he be furnished the answers to these questions and thanks the Director for the book which he feels is a great help to Americans. He concludes with the statement: "May God help you in the work that you are doing to keep America free."

Masters of Deceit



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Ward B3 R336  
V.A. Hospital  
Clem, N.C.

Dear Sir,  
I have just read your book and  
was engaged it. I hope that you  
will forgive this writing as  
I have to do it from my back.  
I would like for you to answer  
a couple of questions for me.  
If we knew what the Russians  
and the Communist were doing  
as far back as your book  
says we did. Why did we take  
them in as an ally in the  
last war. And if we  
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stopped? It seems to me  
if you know an enemy's plan,  
it shouldn't be too hard to  
counter it. The so called  
Americans that belong to  
the party, couldn't they be  
arrested? I feel that any  
thing pertaining to the  
over throw of the U.S.A.  
or the American way of life  
is subversive, therefore it  
should be dealt with and  
with a strong hand. If  
they don't like our way of life  
then couldn't they be well to  
leave. Please answer these  
questions for me. And thanks  
again for the book, old

should be a great help to  
a lot of Americans. I am  
but a speck in this great  
land of ours. But God gave  
me the privilege of being that  
speck and I intend to stand  
by it with my whole being.  
May God help you in  
the work that you are doing  
to keep America free.

Yours Truly,



P.S. Sorry that I don't mention  
the name of the book. It is  
Masters of Deceit

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.



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EX-102

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: December 10, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF "MASTERS OF DECEIT"  
KIWANIS CLUB OF BUCKS COUNTY

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The Philadelphia Office sent the attached memorandum of 12/8/58 enclosing a small clipping from the "Bristol (Pa.) Daily Courier" of 11/17/58 stating that two members of the above Club would discuss the Director's book at a meeting on 11/18/58.

It was subsequently determined by the Philadelphia Office that the book was discussed at the Kiwanis meeting on 11/27/58 and was well received by those in attendance. The members who discussed the book were complimentary of the FBI of our work in the security field and the responsibility of individual citizens was emphasized in meeting the communist threat.

Normally we would direct letters of thanks to persons who give such favorable review of the book, but in this instance while we have a newspaper clipping giving the names of the reviewers, the Philadelphia Office was not certain that both individuals named by the newspaper took part in the program. We could write Edwin Johnson for his favorable remarks concerning "Masters of Deceit" but we do not know who assisted him in the presentation and it is believed inadvisable to use the names given in the newspaper clipping without more assurance that they, in fact, were the ones who led the discussion at the Club meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

DATE: 12-8-58

Discussion of Book before  
\* KIWANIS CLUB OF BUCKS COUNTY

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For the Bureau's information there is attached hereto a clipping from the Bristol Daily Courier dated November 17, 1958, referring to a discussion of the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," which was to occur at a meeting of the Bucks County Kiwanis Club. The discussions were to be had by EDWIN JOHNSON and STEPHAN MIDOUHAS.

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On December 3, 1958, Mr. [redacted] former officer of the Kiwanis Club of Bucks County, and owner of GREENWOOD DAIRIES, INC., Pennel, Pa., advised SA [redacted] that he attended the Kiwanis meeting of November 27, 1958. Mr. [redacted] said the presentation of JOHNSON and his associate, name not recalled, was very well received by the Kiwanis. He related the speakers used the book, "Masters of Deceit," by Mr. HOOVER, as their principal reference material.

[redacted] related the speakers complimented the FBI on their work in the security field. They pointed their presentation toward the need for "loyal Americans" to participate in and control the offices in local civic organizations. Mr. [redacted] said the speakers made the point that if regular citizens did not accept responsibility in groups, the Communists would seize upon the opportunity for themselves.

Mr. [redacted] said the program was one which should be presented to all service organizations such as the Kiwanis, to remind them of the continuous danger manifested by the Communists to the American free enterprise system.

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EX-102

**FBI Leader's Book  
To Be Discussed**

The Kiwanis Club of Bucks County will hear a discussion of J. Edgar Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit," at tomorrow's meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Greenwood Dairies.

Edwin Johnson and Stephan Midouhas will talk on the FBI leader's book. It deals with the problem of Communism in the United States.

Herman Doderer, president of the club, will preside over the meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

INQUIRER \_\_\_\_\_  
BULLETIN \_\_\_\_\_  
DAILY NEWS \_\_\_\_\_

*Philadelphia Daily Courier*

DATE 11/17/58  
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ENCLOSURE 2 62-104277-1076

December 11, 1958

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Enclosed are a copy of a letter received from Captain [redacted] and Mr. Hoover's reply. This is another request regarding translation of "Masters of Deceit." Would you be kind enough to contact Captain [redacted] about this.

Sincerely,

*Clyde*

Clyde Tolson

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Enclosures (2)

NOTE: See Jones to Nease Memo captioned "'Masters of Deceit' request to Translate it into Spanish Language For Cuban Army Newspaper."  
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December 10, 1958

EX - 132

Mr. [redacted]  
Lisbon, Ohio

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Your letter of December 3, 1958, has been received, and I am indeed pleased to learn that you plan to review "Masters of Deceit" during the January 8 meeting of the Lewis Kinney Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Many of our citizens today have become somewhat lax where communism is concerned. They fail to realize that this atheistic menace continues to be one of the greatest threats to our basic liberties for which our forefathers fought and died during the Revolutionary War. The mere fact that membership in the Communist Party in the United States is small is no criteria by which to judge the dangers it poses to our way of life. If we do not remain alert, we will be falling into the trap which the communists so cleverly have laid for us. My primary purpose in writing "Masters of Deceit" was to inform the public of the evils of communism and to warn them against a false sense of security.

I do hope these words and your review of the book will be well received and will have the desired effect.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Miss Gandy  
DEC 17 1958

NOTE: [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. Lisbon is a small town of about 2,500 and street address not necessary.

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Lisbon, Ohio

December 3, 1958

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Miss Gandy	_____

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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The Lewis Kinney Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution here, in Lisbon have asked me to review your book, Masters of Deceit, on January 8, 1959, at their regular monthly meeting. It seems that I have an assignment of this sort at least once each year. In February, 1958, I gave a talk on James Monroe and the previous year a talk on the Constitutional Convention. In September of this year I had the Constitution Day assignment at the local high school.

I don't pretend to be much of a spell binder, but I am a patriotic citizen and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. In connection with my review of your book I am wondering if you could give me a personal statement to use. It would be appreciated and, I am sure, would be most effective. I am anxious to do a creditable piece of work in reviewing your book.

Should you feel like having a personal statement about myself, please contact Miss [Redacted] at the office of Vice-President Nixon.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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December 15, 1958

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To: All SACs

From: Director, FBI

"MASTERS OF DECEIT"  
"THE FBI STORY"

Among the tremendous number of requests for autographed copies of above-captioned books, many such requests were received too late for the Director to autograph in time to insure their return by Christmas.

Therefore, unless advised to the contrary, these books will be retained at the Seat of Government to be autographed and returned after the first of the year. If any employee desires a refund or an unautographed copy, please advise the Bureau promptly. Attention: Crime Records Section.

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December 8, 1958

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REC-55 Miss [redacted]  
35 East 30th Street  
New York 16, New York

EX-133

Dear Miss [redacted]

Your note of December 1, 1958, and the two copies of "Masters of Deceit" have been received. In response to your request, I am happy to autograph the books which will be returned to you under separate cover. Thank you very much for your kind thoughts and good wishes regarding the Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles, and we have no record in Bufiles on [redacted]. By let of 11-21-58 the New York Office advised that Miss [redacted] had telephoned that office inquiring whether or not the Director might autograph a copy of the book as a gift to her brother-in-law, [redacted] 609 Park Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia. It is noted she did not include [redacted] in this request, but she indicates that she plans buying more copies of the book before Christmas. New York reports its indices were negative regarding Miss [redacted] and [redacted] and recommend favorable consideration be given to her request since she apparently is an admirer of the Director and the Bureau. Bufiles contain no other information regarding Miss [redacted]. Since we know nothing of [redacted] and [redacted], it is felt that the books should be autographed only.

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New York City  
December 1, 1958

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I telephoned your New York office and Mr. [redacted] gave me permission to write and ask if you would please autograph the enclosed two (2) copies of "Masters of Deceit". I would appreciate it so much, and I plan buying more copies before Christmas.

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The following two names are men executives with - Advertising Checking Bureau Inc., 79 - Madison Ave., N. Y. 16 N. Y. Please return books to me. I shall be happy to pay postage.

Book #1

[redacted]

Book #2

[redacted]

All good wishes Mr. Hoover for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and may God bless you with everything good.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted signature box]

Miss [redacted]  
35 East 30 Street,  
New York 16 N. Y.

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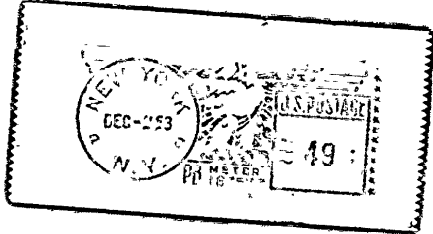


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*From* \_\_\_\_\_  
35 East 30th St.,  
New York 16 N. Y.

*To* Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Dir., Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25 D C

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# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

HENDERSON, KENTUCKY

"Where the South Begins"

December 12, 1958

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

[Redacted]  
PRESIDENT

Ky.

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✓ m. [Signature]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Masters of Deceit

It makes me very happy indeed to have received your nice letter of December 13.

I shall look forward to the autograph copy of the book which you plan to send me and shall, of course, treasure it as one of my fondest keepsakes with your autograph on it.

Several of your agents traveled with me as President of the Kentucky Bankers Association on a number of wonderful meetings sponsored by your organization. I don't know when I have ever been so impressed with such fine men as those who are connected with your organization here in Kentucky.

Mrs. [Redacted] went with us on these trips, and I am sure she joins me in sending her thanks for the book you are going to send and also in wishing you a happy Holliday Season.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

President

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DEC 13 1958

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**Radio**

**Teletype**

*Mr. M. J. [Signature]*  
*#236 [Signature]*

URGENT 12-11-58

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, PITTSBURGH 111646

*Be*  
 ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS SECTION. REBURROUTING SLIP, DECEMBER 3 LAST, ADVISING THIRTY-FIVE COPIES QUOTE MASTERS OF DECEIT UNQUOTE MAILED TO PITTSBURGH. BOOKS NOT RECEIVED PITTSBURGH TO DATE. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO WHEN BOOKS MAY BE EXPECTED.

RECEIVED: 12:00 PM RADIO

12:12 PM CODING UNIT BLH

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*get notified to them*  
*being held up because of [unclear]*  
*Shepard [unclear]*  
*REG-55*

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11 DEC 17 1958

Mr. Nease

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

11:21AM December 1, 1958

MR. [redacted] of Arlington, Virginia, telephoned locally. He stated that he would like to mail in his copy of "Masters of Deceit" in the hopes that the Director would autograph it to his son. He stated that he would give the complete background in a letter which will accompany the book, but he wanted to call to see if there would be any possibility at all that the Director would autograph it if he sent it in.

He was advised to send the book in and his request would be brought to the Director's attention. He was informed that the Director has found it physically impossible to accede to all such requests but his request would be brought to the Director's attention.

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December 15, 1958

65-104277-1084

Miss [redacted]  
6720 South Wentworth Avenue  
Chicago 21, Illinois

Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of December 9, 1958, was received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city, and I am acknowledging it for him.

I know that Mr. Hoover will appreciate your kind comments concerning his book, "Masters of Deceit," and will be thankful for your other observations.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no records of correspondent. In-absence indicated in that her letter is anti-negro in content and she complains among other things about high rents and the dishonesty of grocery clerks.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "Kemp", "John", "Gandy"]*

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

6720 S. Wentworth Ave.  
Chicago 21, Illinois  
December 9, 1958

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

*[Handwritten signature]*

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

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Your book "Masters of Deceit" is well worthwhile reading but I fear a little late in reaching all of the American public. In it you mention that Chicago was the original home of Communism and I can well believe it, for there are so many overtones of unAmerican activity in this, my native city right now. I strongly feel that it is the cruelty of communistic influence that causes clerks in our grocery stores to make customers pay higher prices for articles than the prices stamped on them, that causes landlords to charge heart-breaking high rents for slum apartments (I pay \$85 for a mice-infested uncleaned two rooms in an area almost completely surrounded by black people), that causes the influx of brazen cruel Negroes into the contented private lives of law-abiding citizens and there-  
~~by stopping all the pleasant and genteel sides of modern living.~~ I could go on and on but I know your time is valuable and I am only a weakened voice in the all-but-smothering jungle that Chicago has become. This I feel to be true, however; America will never become Communistic as long as Communistic countries can gain profits under our capitalistic system and it seems they are making a big haul at the expense of the Americans' feelings as well as their pocketbooks.

Anyhow, thanks for "Masters of Deceit". Try to write some more, you must have some very good background material.

Sincerely yours,  
[Redacted Name]  
(Miss) [Redacted Name]

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December 16, 1958

REC-83

Mr. [redacted]  
70 McKee Street  
Floral Park, Long Island, New York

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Your letter of December 8, 1958, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in writing me. I am grateful for your kind remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," and your expressions of support and confidence in the activities of the FBI under my leadership are most reassuring.

Please accept my thanks for your prayers and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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DEC 16 1958  
FBI

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Dec. 8, 1958

Mr. J. Edger Hoover

As an American, and I am sure I speak for all Americans who love our country, I sincerely thank you for the wonderful work you and your organization are doing for us now, and always have done in the past, and I pray to God you will do in the future.

From some of the newspapers I read I know your job is not an easy one.

I am sure your book "Masters of Deceit" will wake up a lot of Americans.

Again I thank you and may God bless you

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

DEC 8, 1958

MR. J. EDGER HOOVER

AS AN AMERICAN, AND I AM SURE I SPEAK FOR ALL AMERICANS WHO LOVE OUR COUNTRY, I SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL WORK YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION ARE DOING FOR US NOW, AND ALWAYS HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, AND I PRAY TO GOD YOU WILL DO IN THE FUTURE.

FROM SOME OF THE NEWSPAPERS I READ I KNOW YOUR JOB IS NOT AN EASY ONE.

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62-104277-1085

I AM SURE YOUR BOOK "MASTERS OF DECEIT" WILL WAKE

A LOT OF AMERICANS.

AGAIN I THANK YOU

MAY GOD BLESS YOU

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MRS. JONES

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Lisbon, Ohio

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December 12th, 1958

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

*Bank*

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of December 10th with your statement on the danger of Communism to America and our way of life.

I shall use this statement in my review of Masters of Deceit and shall report to you later on the response I receive.

It was thoughtful of you to accommodate my request and I appreciate your quick reply.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Address]

Ohio

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 10, 1958

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FROM : G. A. NEASE

*Masters of Deceit*

*RA*

SUBJECT:

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Nease	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Trotter	_____
W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

While talking to SAC Leo Laughlin at Boston on another matter, he mentioned that he would consider it a very great favor if he could get a book autographed by the Director to Mr. [redacted] of the Hyman Textile Company in New York City. Laughlin stated that Mr. [redacted] is the boss of his father-in-law and a very excellent gentleman and he, Laughlin, desires to give the book to Mr. [redacted] for Christmas.

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I told him that I did not know whether or not it would be possible to have this done in view of the tremendous number of books already awaiting the Director's attention, many of which he would not be able to get autographed before Christmas. A book is attached hereto in the event the Director desires to autograph it prior to Christmas.

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Enclosure  
 1-Mr. Jones  
 GAN:jmr  
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# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

HENDERSON, KENTUCKY

"Where the South Begins"

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parson	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

*[Handwritten signature]*

[Redacted]  
PRESIDENT

December 16, 1958

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*HWK*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received the autographed copy of your book "Masters of Deceit," and I can assure you that it is a real gift for me.

I shall not only enjoy its contents but to have received it from such a wonderful character as we all know you to be adds tremendously to its value.

Certainly I shall treasure it as a keepsake, and I wish to thank you again for your kindness in favoring me with this recognition.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

President

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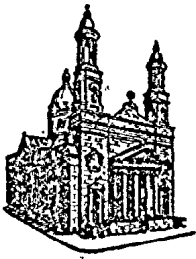
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CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE  
Blessed Sacrament Fathers

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Office of the Pastor	✓
184 East 76th Street	✓
New York 21, N.Y.	✓
Tel. BUtterfield 6-5082	✓

December 16, 1958

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I never dreamt that I would have  
an autographed copy of a book by the head  
of an organization I admire so much as the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation!

I want to thank you for the gift of  
Masters of Deceit, and I wish to assure you  
that I will do everything in my power to help  
the F.B.I. in every way I can.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

(Rev.) [Redacted] S.S.S. n. y.

Pastor

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CITIZENS FIDELITY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

December 16, 1958

*Post*

*M.A. [Signature]*  
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My dear Mr. Hoover,

I appreciate more than I can tell you the copy of "Masters of Deceit," which reached my office today. I am delighted to have this outstanding book to add to my collection. I enjoyed the "FBI Story" that you recently sent me, and I look forward to reading your story of communism in America and how to fight it.

It is a privilege to be of assistance to your Louisville office during their law enforcement conferences that are held annually throughout the state. We feel that the F.B.I. is doing a wonderful job in this area and is cooperating with the banks in Kentucky to the fullest extent. We hope that you will call upon us often.

Taking this opportunity to wish for you much happiness during the approaching Holiday Season, I am

[Redacted signature block]

Senior Vice President

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

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enclosing "Masters of Deceit"*  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

J. Edgar Hoover, Author.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover.  
[Redacted]

Reading about "Masters

of Deceit" before it was published. I was all eagerness to see it - the price was too high to buy for ordinary reading so I welcomed the installments in the local paper.

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But, I was disappointed, it was too technical and now as I finish the book I am using for a Christmas gift, I still say it is - as a layman and member of a family whose beginning of one family name began in America in 1634, I still am confused.

Do you really think that America can or will survive just ordinary "human nature" ? The social drinking, the narcotic business, prostitution of every group and class, rackets, thefts and violence.

The Facist group which went forward in leaps and in control of wrong in America at the Wars beginning is still flourishing. At the core of every racket and wrong in lower brackets is an Italian ancestry person.

All the things which you warn about and say they do - is being done in every social class, I would have to say as I read, " why that's Mr. So and So or that's Mrs. Somebody. Or that's the Catholic Church, their ideology is as Russia, world domination, all Catholics Nations have fallen to revolution and anarchy, we pour our Protestant money over there and their church here fights against our Protestant rule in this country. And were they in control they would allow us no freedom.

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JONES TO NEASE  
12-19-58  
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DEC 23 1958  
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It is all very confusing how to punish or stop a foreign element when one's own neighbors do not believe in personal rights.

No matter how well one family rear their children an outside child will try to corrupt that training, who is behind all this - just human nature or rackets ?

Competition is supposed to be the stuff of life, but, for thirty years competition has been a tearing down and taking away of substance and rights of ethical nature by those not deserving, human values has become like a subway, every one leaving their own "place where Thou standst" to get on to another's, what started this mistaken rivalry?

I find it every where ~~prev~~ prevalent, someone making someone feel that they amount to nothing or that they cannot see the value in their own life but, can in mine and want it so will just take it away from me and realize what they see may not be as solid as their own footing.

So often a newcomer does this, walk right in to a community and decide they want someone persons standing or rewards for such - my grudge against town fathers is often that- they will welcome the stranger with open favors while slighting their neighbor because of envy, no, their never will be a remedy for the enemy within our shores until human rights are acknowledged by our own people.

One newspaper once printed this headline " If you are not a communist, then stop acting like one. Please pardon my hasty typing, the Christmas rush is upon us and a contented and a personal satisfaction of work as well done as a man can do in your work, be yours this Holy Time.

December 16, 1958  
St. Elmo Hotel  
Chautauqua, N. Y.

Sincerely yours



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: December 19, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones  
*br*

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT:

[Redacted]

ST. ELMO HOTEL  
CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK

*File ✓*  
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We received a letter from captioned individual on December 18, 1958, in which she said she had wanted to read "Masters of Deceit" when it was published but the price was too high and therefore she welcomed the installments in the newspaper. She stated she was disappointed because the book was too technical. She then proceeds for another page and 1/2 in a rather disjointed manner, rambling about various topics. It is noted in one section of her letter she indicates rather strong anti-Catholic feelings.

RECOMMENDATION:

REC-15 62-104277-1092

That Miss [Redacted] letter not be acknowledged.

DEC 23 1958

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

67 DEC 30 1958

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn. Crime Records

DATE: December 8, 1958

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (80-7)

SUBJECT: ROBERT R. SIEGRIST, News Commentator  
Radio Station WLS, Chicago, Ill. and  
Radio Station WGEZ, Beloit, Wis.

BOB SIEGRIST  
ILL  
WISC

By letter dated 3-12-58, Bureau was furnished a letter from Mr. SIEGRIST containing comments on "Masters of Deceit", a copy of which was furnished Chicago.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of each of Mr. SIEGRIST's broadcasts of November 24, 25 and 26, 1958, in which he made favorable reference to the FBI and its Director.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
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BOB SIEGRIST AND THE NEWS

Monday, November 24, 1958

WLS  
(Chicago)

Sponsored by

ALLEN-BRADLEY COMPANY  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

WGEZ  
(Beloit, Wisconsin)

Sponsored by

FALK CORPORATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ALLEN-BRADLEY COMPANY

U.S. Uses incident of East Berlin policemen versus  
CBS-TV cameraman to reaffirm full intentions of  
remaining in West Berlin.

Nonetheless, Khrushchev's new method of  
methodical reasonableness as a part of his new  
"co-existentialism" thesis is bringing Khrushchev new  
victories which he could not get by open aggression.  
Siegrist noting Admiral Burke's plea for newsmen to  
join the fight against Communism, reminds listeners  
of his own long efforts and decries the fact that  
the majority of American businessmen and industrialists  
refuse to support the few anti-Communist commentators  
who remain.

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Yesterday, as East-West tensions mounted over Kremlin Boss Khrushchev's threats against West Berlin and against U.S. supply lines thereto, violence erupted for the first time since those threats were first uttered on November 10th by Khrushchev.

In yesterday's action, three East Berlin Communist policemen stormed across the border into West Berlin in an effort to seize CBS-TV cameraman Ernst Lechner and drag him into Communist territory.

Lechner, a West German, evaded seizure by battling, as he put it, "like a wildman," but the Red policemen did manage to seize his camera and tripod and to drag them back over the border.

Although East Berlin authorities later returned the camera and tripod, Findley Burns, Political Adviser to the U.S. Mission in West Berlin, today fired a formal note to the Russian authorities in which he denounced the attack on Lechner, demanded punishment for the attackers, sternly warned that Russia will be held responsible for all such East German actions, and reiterated U.S. determination to remain in West Berlin and to retain free movement to and from that city.

What this U.S. note said, in effect, therefore, was that even if the Russians, as threatened, hand over their occupation duties to their East German Stooze regime, the West, at best, will view the East Germans as nothing more than mere agents for the Russians for whose every action Russia must be held fully responsible.

Spokesmen for the Soviet Embassies in the East German capitol of East Berlin and in the West German capitol of West Berlin, that is Bonn rather, gave quick public response to the

American note by stating that, Russia fully intended to transfer its East Berlin occupation powers to the East German regime, Russia entertained no thoughts of even threatening to employ force or violence.

Said the Russians' spokesman at Bonn in the Communists' typically overdrawn and sarcastic manner: "There has been no thought that Soviet tanks will drive into West Berlin and disarm the Americans."

Said the Russians' spokesman in East Berlin, in a manner suggesting a considerable back-watering: "There has been no talk of war. Khrushchev's statement has been misunderstood completely by the West."

In this typical posture of a bully whose rampage has been drawn short by the suggestion of counter force by which the bully might be injured, this Soviet spokesman has, among other things, conveniently overlooked that, if the West has "misunderstood completely...Khrushchev's statement," so, too, have Khrushchev's Russian henchmen and East German puppets who, for these past two weeks, have been echoing and re-echoing the Khrushchev threats of the 10th - threats which, indeed, do not disappear or even lessen in a re-reading of that speech tonight.

Such a re-reading clearly demonstrates that Khrushchev charged that Western governments, which he called "imperialists," of course, were supporting what he called "the ruling circles of West Germany" in new Hitler-like aggressive threats against the East German Communist regime, that the West has violated the Potsdam Pact so severely that it now should be abandoned completely - which Khrushchev said he fully intended to do by handing over to

East Germany Russia's Potsdam-provided occupational functions.

Among other things, Khrushchev charged the West with employing the Potsdam Pact as, quote, "the possibility of holding sway in West Berlin, turning this part of the city, which is the capital of the German Democratic Republic (meaning Communist East Germany), into a kind of state within a state, and making use of this to carry on from West Berlin subversive activity against the G.D.R., against the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact countries.

"And on top of everything," said Khrushchev, "they enjoy the right of unhampered communication between West Berlin and West Germany by air, rail, highways and the water of the G.D.R., which they do not even wish to recognize."

Khrushchev went on to state that, quote, "The time has evidently come for the powers which signed the Potsdam agreement to give up the remnants of the occupation regime in Berlin and thus make it possible to create a normal atmosphere in the capital of the G.D.R. The Soviet Union, for its part," he said, "will hand over those functions in Berlin which are still with Soviet organs to the sovereign German Democratic Republic."

To this, Khrushchev added: "Let the United States, France and Britain form their own relations with the G.D.R., and come to an agreement with it if they are interested in certain questions connected with Berlin."

In the next paragraph, Khrushchev warned, "Should any aggressive forces attack the German Democratic Republic, which is an equal partner of the Warsaw Treaty, then we will consider it as an attack on the Soviet Union, on all the parties to the Warsaw Treaty."



In other words, clearly, Khrushchev was ordering the West to recognize the East German Red regime, and, should that regime's Moscow-directed provocations, like that against the Western photographer yesterday, for example, compel the West to use counter force, the Kremlin would consider that as an attack upon Russia and the entire Kremlin-directed Communist bloc of nations which, in a shabby window dressing sort of way, the Warsaw Pact holds together as the Red's counter version of NATO.

So, clearly, what we have here is the aspect of the Soviet Union violating whatever the Soviet Union has not previously violated of the ill-conceived post-World War Two Potsdam Pact and telling the United States that if the Kremlin's orders weren't followed that West Berlin might be cut off from the West and drawn into the vacuum of the Communist ghost world which claims West Berlin as its own anyway.

And, now, by way of retaliation, we have the aspect of the United States, speaking for itself and as the de facto leader of the Western camp, telling the Soviet Union that the United States has no intention of being blocked off from West Berlin and that Russia will be held thoroughly responsible for whatever its East German Red stooges may do.

Here, then, in the immediate reaction by Kremlin spokesmen to the United States' firm reaction to Khrushchev's tough talk, do we, for the moment at least, find an indication that Khrushchev has determined just how far now he may be permitted to go without actually risking the armed showdown which, obviously, Khrushchev continues to fear and which, obviously, he has no desire to employ - not as yet. Rather, it is completely clear that Khrushchev

prefers to continue his war of nerves, of rattling his hammer and sickle alternately in the Far East, the Middle East, and in Central Europe in his grand strategy of keeping the West off-balance, of destroying Western will to resist, and of furthering his aggressions by diplomatic, political and psychological means short of war just as long as possible.

It must be remembered, however, that, in forcing the West to deal at all with the East German regime - which the West has so far refused to do - but which the West may now find it necessary to do on the theory that the East Germans are merely Russia's agents, (in so-doing) the West, nonetheless, is suffering an emphatic defeat which will permit Khrushchev further aggressions by these same short-of-war means; aggressions which would not be permitted him should he attempt to seize the same territory or the same concessions by sudden, Hitler-like military actions.

Meanwhile, it is completely clear that Khrushchev finds it extremely convenient to employ his newly-assumed weapon of seeming methodical reasonableness - a weapon of which his new efforts in and about Berlin are a classic example - in sinister conjunction with his newly-assumed companion thesis of "co-existentialism". That's a big word, and it's a vicious word, co-existentialism.

Under this serpentine thesis, which is a new Khrushchev refinement of his now-badly-self-shattered thesis of "co-existence," Khrushchev is endeavoring to paint himself and his International Communist conspiracy as sympathetic and democratic commodities with which reasonable and fair-minded Americans can truly deal in total peace, brotherhood and human understanding.

Under this refined thesis of "co-existence" which Khrushchev

describes again as "co-existentialism," Khrushchev, his agents, his propagandists and their dupes and sympathizers within this country are now struggling to brainwash the American people into believing that if the American people would only remove from positions of authority those who militantly and intelligently oppose Communism there can be no trouble between the United States and Soviet Russia.

As major tools in this latest Communist drive against us, Khrushchev seeks to use Americans who bear no record of membership in the Communist Party or its fronts but, nonetheless, people, who, whether wittingly or otherwise, will freely disseminate the Communist argument for the removal of all persons and agencies which oppose and expose even such subtle Communist weapons against us as this same "co-existentialism".

Khrushchev is, of course, doing everything he can to pervert all forms of so-called "cultural" and related State Department-permitted exchanges for this purpose, exchanges of trade fair, exchanges of exhibits, exchanges of students, exchanges of movies and all that sort of rot.

And, in concert with that, those who, wittingly or otherwise, permit themselves to be used as tools in his "co-existentialist" drive are hard at work tonight struggling to force uni-lateral American disarmament with particular accent on the Hydrogen and Atomic bombs; they're struggling to force the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and particularly tonight, they are trying to destroy J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

These two long-standing Congressional committees, like

Mr. Hoover and the FBI have, of course, been militantly opposed by the Communists and their sympathizers for all the years that they have been investigating and exposing Communism and Communists.

But, with the election of the new 86th Congress, dominated, as never before, by wild-eyed young men of the ultra-liberal and "left-wing" stripe, the Communist-ordered drive to abolish those two committees and to destroy J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is on tonight as never before.

This drive, and related drives against anti-Communists here at home, coupled with Khrushchev's new campaign of aggression, like that in Berlin, via the means of professed methodical reasonableness should alert all concerned, thinking and patriotic Americans to be on their guard as never before lest, they, too, may find themselves drawn in by these massive brainwash attempts against them.

It is encouraging to note that yesterday, in San Diego, Admiral Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, in an address before the National Convention of the journalism fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, urged American newsmen to take an active part in the battle against Communist aggression by informing the public of the dangers with which the public is confronted.

Properly noting that every American citizen is a target for Communist propaganda and psychological pressure, Admiral Burke, a great American fighting man and military strategist, told the newsmen:

"You have it in your power to do much good for mankind and for the cause of freedom. It takes," he said, "keen discernment and keen thinking to pierce the haze of propaganda, honest

misconceptions, special interest and biased viewpoints, all competing with truth and fact for the attention of people everywhere, of all ages, in every line of human endeavor."

And he added, "We must reaffirm our belief in the power of right over wrong, of justice over injustice and of truth over falsehood, and rededicate ourselves to the proposition that our actions in the world community are the ultimate measure of our national character if we are to win the struggle which we are engaged in today."

(End quote, Admiral Burke).

Those who, over the years, have listened to this reporter will recognize that it is to these very principles and objectives that this reporter, for one, has constantly and consistently struggled to function for God and country.

Frankly, it has not been easy - nor is it easy even tonight - for myriad reasons - for the few of us; yes, the very few of us in the field of radio news reporting who so-struggle.

Very bluntly speaking, one of the biggest problems that we have suffered is the shocking lack of the essential sponsorship which can only come from those persons and organizations in America who symbolize the American free enterprise system which pro-American reporters, frequently at great personal sacrifice, struggle to defend.

We mean, primarily, that, unfortunately, while the political left and those who pander thereto, spend aggregate millions of dollars every year in support of those who are brainwashing the American people against the American way of life, all too many businessmen and industrialists continue to suffer the weakness-

imposed blind spot of refusing to show the courage, and the understanding, bring themselves openly into the struggle for everything they represent by refusing to lend their desperately-needed sponsorship to the very few of us in this business, yes, the very few, this business of dissemination of public information via radio, who have long records of doing that for which Admiral Burke has pleaded.

It is ironic and tragic, indeed, that those who have the most to lose in America actually do the least in America some how, by some strange thinking, to protect that which they have and the system by which they have obtained it, the American free enterprise way of life.

Fortunately, this reporter enjoys, personally, three great incomparable pro-American sponsors, sponsors who are leaders in the field of pro-Americanism, anti-Communism, anti-Socialism:

The Allen-Bradley Company, The Kemper Insurance Group, and the Falk Corporation of Milwaukee.

More are needed, however, badly needed frankly, if we, for one, in any real measure, are to attempt to meet - and pierce - the overwhelmingly heavily-financed forces of the political left which are indoctrinating America and Americans toward Moscow.

We, for one, would be happy to hear from any businessman, industrialist, or organization interested in helping to extend our voice to more wide-spread American areas in the interest of warning our people.

Bob Siegrist. Good night.

BOB SIEGRIST AND THE NEWS

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East German Communist Boss, Ulbricht, accompanied by Gerhard Eiseler says West must recognize his regime.

Vice President Nixon arrives in London.

Red China reportedly slaughtered 500 anti-Red revolutionaries.

Professor E. Merrill Root's book, "Brainwashing in the High Schools," explodes to national attention with emphasis on Evanston Township High School.

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ENCLOSURE

Last night, in his fortress-like Communist Party headquarters in East Berlin, Walter Ulbricht, Khrushchev's boss of the East German Communist Party, granted an exclusive interview to Robin Smyth, Berlin representative of the Lunday Daily Mail.

In that interview, Ulbricht made crystal clear that the Communists would insist upon interpreting as automatic Western recognition of their East German regime any Western use of the supply lines through East Germany into West Berlin after the Russians assigned the East Germans to man the checkpoints.

With Ulbricht at the time of that interview, by the way, was Gerhard Eisler, who, after being branded by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as the "Number One Communist," in America, escaped from the United States to East Germany leaving the Civil Rights Congress holding the bag from which that officially-branded subversive outfit had put up 23-thousand, 500-dollars bail while Eisler was awaiting trial on charges of a visa violation.

Prior to coming to the United States, Eisler, for whom many a so-called "liberal" and "do-good" heart bleed publicly prior to his fleeing the country aboard the Red Polish ship, Batory, had labored for the Kremlin-directed International Communist conspiracy in Italy and in China as well as in his native Austria.

While doing the Kremlin's dirty and bloody work in China in behalf of its Kremlin-ordered fall to Communism, Eisler earned the nickname of "The Executioner," because of his complete ruthlessness in purging dissenters in the Communist Party there in China.

At the height of the historic Roosevelt-Stalin romance,



Eiseler was assigned to the United States to infiltrate labor unions and other organizations, and to form Communist front movements.

Upon arriving in East Germany, thanks to the obviously-Kremlin-ordered assistance of the Red Polish regime which the State Department is now helping to support with your tax-payers money, Eisler was assigned to top-echelon propaganda positions from which he has since leveled a long train of Moscow-serving attacks against the United States.

It was significant enough, therefore, that Gerhard Eisler, a man not so long ago defended by American "liberals" and "intellectuals" (so called), as a victim of Congressional "witch hunting," (so called) should be standing at the side of East Germany's Communist Party Boss Ulbricht, last night, as that Boss, laid down his ultimatum for the diplomatic surrender of the United States whose freedom Gerhard Eisler had enjoyed, and, of course, had badly abused, not so long ago.

Not only was this a further graphic demonstration of the ever-sinister Communist modus operandi, but, at the same moment, this was also further graphic demonstration of the damage which all too many native Americans have done the land of their birth by rushing to join the ever-loud chorus of those who, wittingly or otherwise, have made a practice of blindly defending those accused, by Congressional committees, after lots of investigation, and/or by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, also after lots of investigation.

Simultaneously, the case of Gerhard Eisler also demonstrates, anew, why the Kremlin and its agents in and about America, continue

so determined to press, frequently through unwitting "liberal" and "intellectual" dupes, for the abolition of the FBI and such Congressional Committees.

The Communist objective is, of course, really very simple: They don't want their agents exposed as such until their work is done and/or it is convenient to the Communists and their agents to be exposed by themselves before the world - triumphantly - by the Communists themselves - as was Gerhard Eisler.

At any rate - to that Eisler-assisted Ulbricht ultimatum of last night that the West must deal with Ulbricht's regime or lose West Berlin which the Reds are preparing to force the West to do eventually, anyway - (to that ultimatum) the United States has today replied by issuing the following orders to all American travelers to and from West Berlin - both military and civilian:

"Do not show your travel documents to East German police. Deal only with Soviet guards. Turn back if East Germans attempt to control you."

So far, however, the Russians have still not assigned their East German occupational authority to the East Germans, and there have been no incidents since that of Sunday in which three East Berlin Communist Police crossed over into West Berlin and made an unsuccessful attempt to seize a West German cameraman for CBS-TV and drag him into Communist territory.

As we noted last night, the United States promptly protested that action and warned the Russians that they, and they alone, would be held responsible for all such incidents perpetrated by their East German stooges.

Meanwhile, tonight, the United States, Britain and France,

previously reported as split regarding what their policy should be when the East Germans, as expected, take over occupational control of East Berlin, are reported in agreement on measures to be taken for the overall protection of Western rights there.

This previously-reported split, of course, was said to have resulted from Britain's not-at-all-surprising suggestion that, after all, the West should compromise its principles and deal with the East Germans after all.

At the same time, the United States Commandant in West Berlin, 49-year-old Major General Barksdale Hamlett, says tonight:

"We are ready for any eventuality."

In London, Vice President Nixon who, with Mrs. Nixon, arrived on a good will tour earlier today, described the situation as "the latest Soviet probing action directed against Berlin", and said:

"When the resolution of the free world is tested by such operations, we believe it is essential to show our unmistakable determination to stand firm."

It is presumed, and certainly to be hoped, that Mr. Nixon echoed this sentiment in the hour-long conference which he later held with British Prime Minister MacMillan today.

While Mr. Nixon's arrival in the British capital was delayed by one of those dense London fogs, it was perfectly obvious that his U.S. Secret Service bodyguards were in no fog as to their responsibility of protecting his life as the Communists, from the Kremlin down, bleated, through their propaganda organs, for anti-Nixon demonstrations equal to those which, at the Kremlin's direction, the Communists carried out against the Vice President

and his lady down in South America early last summer.

So far, however, the best response the Communists have been able to realise toward this anti-American goal is a feeble demonstration, tonight in London, by only 200 Party stalwarts who came out from the woodwork for a self-fashioned red protest rally in a dingy London hall after which a few die-hards walked to the U.S. Embassy bearing typically anti-American and anti-Nixon Communist signs.

And, while the Kremlin continued to hold the West's prime attention on the Kremlin's latest caper in Berlin, Nationalist China reminded the West of Communism's infamy and barbarity on the China mainland today as, from Formosa, the Nationalist government announced that it had just learned that the Communists slaughtered 500 mainland villagers recently in order to smash two anti-Communist revolts - revolts born of rumors that the Nationalists had invaded the mainland from Formosa.

This, of course, is only the latest in a long train of intelligence reports of how the Communists are battling constantly to retain their yoke about the throats of the freedom-starved, and food-starving, people of China who never asked for Communism, who certainly never voted for it, never had the chance, and who do not want Communism now despite the fact that, at the same moment, a massive propaganda and political-pressure drive is shaping up here in the United States in order to attempt to force this government to grant diplomatic recognition to the Kremlin's Peiping bandit regime which still holds many American men - assuming that they're still alive, that is.

The objective of some of those Americans who argue for trade with these butchers is the ill-advised hope of profitable trade.

The objective of others seems to be political or ideological. The objective of others seems fuzzy beyond the fact that they are members of the generally fuzzy-thinking cult of those who, even today, would profess refusal to believe that the Communists and Communism have, themselves, by their own actions, proved historically just exactly what they are, butchers.

Certainly, among other things, do we find reflected, here, the results of the long years of massive brainwashing of the American people, young and old, by those in and about government, politics, journalism, labor unions and education who have long-sounded siren calls that there is really no difference between the American people and their government and the Communist-bloc regimes which could not be resolved, after all, in a genuine spirit of brotherhood and cooperation - a spirit, of course, which the Communists forever deny just as emphatically as they deny divinity Itself.

In the issue of February the 24th, 1956, of the magazine, "U.S. News and World Report," Major William E. Mayer, a distinguished Army psychiatrist and recognized expert on brainwashing, reported on his lengthy and detailed official study of American Army men who fell victim to Communist brainwashing after being taken as prisoners of war in Korea.

In that frightening and foreboding report, Major Mayer stressed that this was due to "something more than" military weakness, that it went "deeper...to raise serious questions about American character, and (and we're quoting) about the education of Americans."

He added (did the Major): that he found it, quote,

"tragically clear that the American educational system, fine as it is, is failing miserably in getting across the absolute fundamental survival in a tense and troubled international society. This failure," he said, "needs to be publicized."

Major Mayer said, and we quote further, "A returning prisoner often made reference to the fact that he was given by the Communists a very intensive education about America, a Communist viewpoint of history which evidently emphasized every possible defect in our development and our attitudes, and the soldier would confess that his own knowledge of the American system - of our history, our politics, our economics - was insufficient to enable him to refute this Communist version, even in his own mind."

The Major went on to say that the several hundred men (American men, mind you, young American men educated in American high schools, American men) whom he had interviewed had received no fundamental facts and enduring principles from their "formal education" to counter the Communist brainwashing and that "many of them said they weren't taught" this knowledge of the American system in school for the Major added that "many of them said they didn't know," whether they had been taught it or not.

This shocking report from the Army psychiatrist, Major Mayer, a report, by the way, which this reporter has frequently cited since the moment it was issued, back in 1956, this reporter has rocked into new headlines tonight as the result of some new publicity (needed publicity) over the fact that Professor E. Merrill Root, a Phi Beta Kappa, now teaching at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, as found, in this report by the Army psychiatrist, the inspiration for lengthy research into what, in

a recently-published book, Professor Root calls, "Brainwashing in the High Schools."

Noting this Mayer report as the springboard for his research findings, Professor Root says that American "parents are culpable both in what they fail to give their own children and in what they allow the schools to give their children. But, still," he says, "much of the blame rests upon the schools, the teachers, and the textbooks."

Observing that, when "confronted with these facts of American education, educators deny them," Professor Root proceeds to cite, as a case study, 11 high school text books "published by some of the largest and most respected publishers," and he adds that "at least some of (these text books)...are used in the high schools of every state in the Union."

With that, Professor Root says, "To bring our discussion home in the most particular manner possible, we have investigated one of the largest high school in the United States, Evanston Township High School, in Evanston, Illinois. The superintendent of that school, Dr. Lloyd S. Michael, has informed us," says Professor Root, "that, in various history courses of the school, nine of these texts - and only these nine - 'were adopted for the school year 1950-1951.' According to his letter to the author of June 6, 1956," says Professor Root, "'the only text addition in United States history since 1952 is HISTORY OF A FREE PEOPLE, by Bragdon and McCutchen.' In July 1952, THE UNITED STATES AND WORLD RELATIONS, by Mowrer and Cummings, was added to the list."

And then Professor Root goes on to give the complete list of books used in the Evanston Township High School and to talk

about them and to quote certain arguments for collectivism and certain arguments that this nation is, contrary to the founders of this nation and its constitution, a democracy rather than a constitutional republic.

Well, this has hit national attention tonight because of the fact that an editorial appeared in yesterday's New York News under the caption, "Where Do They Get Those Screwy Ideas?" It went on to say that, "It may be, but we hope not, that some New York teenagers are shocking and puzzling their parents with the variety of screwball ideas about United States history," and then it goes on to quote the Root book.

We have talked to Mr. Root today about this, and we have talked to Dr. Lloyd S. Michael, Superintendent of Evanston Township High School. (We talked to both of the gentlemen on the telephone.)

Mr. Root didn't tell us anything particularly new except to verify the fact that the evidence that he had cited had come, in part, from material written by the high school and written by, as he quoted, a letter which he said was in his hands - a letter written by Dr. Lloyd S. Michael.

We talked considerably to Dr. Michael who seemed to resent our call and our attitude in asking him for certain attitudes toward this way of life. We talked to Dr. Michael, but there seemed to be a general idea that the books did exist. The argument seemed to be the matter of interpretation.

Bob Siegrist. Good night.

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BOB SIEGRIST AND THE NEWS

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Democrats have smashing victory in Alaska.

Secretary Dulles says West "might" be willing to deal  
with Khrushchev's East German stooges.

Professor E. Merrill Root's book, "Brainwashing in the  
High Schools", hits national attention as New York News  
editorializes favorably and in opposition to Collectivist  
indoctrination in American education.

Siegrist reports on his interview with Evanston Township  
High School's Superintendent, Dr. Lloyd Michael, regarding  
Root-exposed books employed at Michael's school.

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Democrats have ridden to a smashing victory on a snowslide of votes today, capturing nearly every major office in yesterday's history-making Alaska election.

From Shemya near the tip of the Aleutian Island chain to Point Barrow above the Arctic Circle, from frosty Nome to balmy Ketchikan, Alaskans voted. And they gave the Democrats the task of guiding the giant, toddling territory along the path of statehood.

Democrats captured the governorship of Alaska, the new state of Alaska's lone seat in the House of Representatives and at least one of the two Senate posts. The Democratic candidate also was leading the race for the other Senate seat and Democrats controlled both Houses of the State Legislature, so the Democrats - a real landslide in Alaska in its first vote as a state of the Union, the 49th.

Secretary of State Dulles says the Western allies "might", he says, be willing to deal with East German Communist officials on minor matters affecting divided Berlin on the theory that they are nothing more than mere agents of the Soviet Union which, as Mr. Dulles stresses, has "an explicit obligation" and a responsibility to assure the Western allies "normal access to and egress from Berlin."

Mr. Dulles also says Khrushchev may be having second thoughts now, on his plan to give the East German Communists control of the Soviet sector of Berlin that things may go wrong for him if he does.

Meanwhile, the Communists disclose that Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko has been conferring with East German leaders in

East Berlin, presumably on the matter of giving the authority over extensively, at least, to the East German regime.

Last night, we reported that a recently published book, "Brainwashing in the High Schools," by Earlham College Professor E. Merrill Root, hit national headlines Monday, when the New York News published an editorial which that book had inspired.

Under the title, "Where Do They Get Those Screw Ideas?" the New York News editorial said:

"It may be, though we hope not, that some New York teen-agers are shocking and puzzling their parents with a variety of screw-ball ideas about United States history.

"We refer," it said, "to such notions as that George Washington was a rich aristocrat who had no use for the so-called common people...that the Constitution was framed by a bunch of wealthy men with a view to keeping the common people forever lowly and powerless...that patriotism - love of and pride in one's own country - is stuffy and old hat...that business and industry since the American Revolution have been the enemies of the people and haven't done a thing toward raising our living standards to the highest levels in world history, and that we'd be much better off under socialism or communism.

"If your children happen to be mouthing such ideas," said the New York News editorial, "you may get a hint as to the reason for it from a new book that came out a few days ago.

"It's 'Brainwashing in the High Schools: An Examination of 11 American History Text books,' by E. Merrill Root;...

"Mr. Root, a noted educator, plowed thru 11 United States history books used in a big Evanston, Ill., high school.

"The volumes were 'The United States--Experiment in Democracy,' by Avery Craven and Walter Johnson; 'The Making of Modern America,' by L. H. Canifield and H. B. Wilder; 'America's History,' by L. P. Todd and Merle Curti; 'The American Story,' by Ruth W. Gavian and W. A. Ham; 'Story of America,' by R. V. Harlow; 'A History of Our Country,' by D. S. Muzzey; 'History of United States,' by D. L. Dumond, E. E. Dale, and E. B. Wesley; 'United States History,' by F. P. Wirth; 'History of the American Way,' by H. U. Faulkner, Tyler Kepner, and E. H. Merrill; 'History of A Free People,' by H. W. Bragdon and S. P. McCutchen, and 'The United States and World Relations,' by Lillian T. Mowrer and H. C. Cummins.

"Sorry," said the New York News in that editorial, "to take up so much space, with that list, but it's an important one. These books are widely used in American schools.

"Ten of them, Mr. Root says, are loaded with ideas of the types listed in the second paragraph of this column. The honorable exception (tho it, too, has some defects) is the Bragdon-McCutchen 'History of a Free People' - Which private citizens indignantly forced the Evanston High School," said the New York News, "to introduce in 1952 as a sort of counter-attack on the other 10 textbooks' downgrading of America.

"This latter kind of tripe," it said, "is being eased into the minds of innumerable high school students all over the country. It is bound to dilute or destroy the patriotism of many of them, to confuse their thinking about their own country's magnificent achievements, and to soften them up for socialist, fascist, and communist propagandists.

"Root believes this sort of teaching of alleged United States

history was largely to blame for the fact that Chinese Red brainwashers temporarily converted to communism one-third of all their American prisoners in the Korean war. Our boys", said the New York News, "simply had not been taught the answers--of which there are plenty and then some--to the Communists' big lies about our country."

(End quote from the Monday editorial in the New York News).

When this editorial came to the attention of the Chicago Tribune, a Tribune reporter called Evanston Township High School Superintendent Dr. Michael, advised him of the editorial and got his reaction.

The Tribune quoted Dr. Michael as insisting that there was no "brainwashing" at his school, and advised that all of the books on the Root list which were employed as texts at the school had been subject to review by the school's history teachers and by the school's 32 member lay council, and further, that the books also bore the approval of Evanston's Board of Education.

Further, said Dr. Michael, "Anyone who likes is welcome to come in and review our textbooks. Parents," he said, "have been encouraged to do so. We are glad to listen to any criticism."

This morning, the Chicago Tribune reacted editorially by seizing upon that remark and by observing, "We hope that parents in Evanston and elsewhere will act on the suggestion that they inform themselves about their public schools - and not just about the history texts, tho certainly including them. Informed, widespread interest in and discussion of the educational process is highly desirable," said the Chicago Tribune this morning.

With this editorial observation this reporter, for one, will

emphatically agree. In fact, this reporter, for years, has so contended.

However, this observation does not go deep enough for several reasons. First, to be perfectly frank, it must not be forgotten that all too many millions of American parents of high school age children have, themselves, suffered from the effects of the same type of text books in their own so-called education, and, therefore, those parents, unless practical experience and common sense and advanced education since their own graduation from high school or college have managed to overcome those class room-born views, all too many of those parents will surely prove unable to recognize the often subtle arguments for collectivism and distortions of historic fact - or ignoring of historic fact - of the variety which Professor Root has cited in his expose, "Brainwashing in the High Schools."

Further, in a telephone interview which this reporter held with Evanston Township High School's Superintendent Michael yesterday afternoon, we asked Dr. Michael what the procedure would be if, say four or five parents were to complain to him that they found the books to be as Professor Root had charged, and if, therefore, those parents were to demand that those books be dropped by the school.

Dr. Michael's reply to us was simply that, in such case, he would request some competent member of his faculty's history department to examine the text in question and to make a finding as to the rectitude or lack of rectitude of the charges.

To this reply, we asked Dr. Michael if he really believed that a member of any faculty who had previously approved a text

book, and who was employing that text in his classroom, and was conducting class discussions in concert with that text, could really be expected to respond with any finding other than the self-justifying fact that the charges were completely wrong, unjustified, and that the book was, indeed, worthy of continued use.

Dr. Michael's piqued reply to this inquiry was the accusation that we were, quote, "begging the question."

This was also Dr. Michael's reply to our inquiry as to whether he believed that, perhaps, the members of the board of education might be naive or otherwise unprepared to pass full judgement as to the more subtle passages - or deletions - contained in some of these texts, since, certainly, this reporter, for one, could not bring himself to believe that the average member of the average board of education, and we are not singling out Evanston, would hold still for text books which openly argued for collectivism and otherwise against the American free enterprise system.

Dr. Michael also advised us that, in addition to the 11 text books in question, the pupils of his school had free access to many other history books and references - some giving the "other side of the story" so to speak - were to be found in the school's library - and, further, that other nonassigned books which might be pertinent to the subject were to be found on the shelves of each history teacher.

Dr. Michael again felt, however, that we were "begging the question" when we asked him why it was that, with the exception of one relatively recent assignment of a non-collectivist book, in the main, to the list of actual text books, all the rest argued the cause of collectivism and made related arguments, while those

books which seemed to present the conservative side of the story were merely available to students who might wish to seek them out - assuming that any high school students really did bother to work beyond their regularly assigned text books. Frankly, we doubt if man do.

More bluntly, we asked Dr. Michael whether his history teachers taught that Communism was a conspiracy or whether it was merely a political philosophy. His reply was that he'd have to check with the individual teachers, which, frankly, we found rather strange, so we asked Dr. Michael to give us his personal reaction to that question.

He told us that, as he saw it, Communism was a conspiracy as Americans saw it, but, that it was quote, "good for the Russians."

That point was pursued no further beyond Michael's agreeing with our reminder that the Russian people had never asked for Communism, that they had never had a chance to vote for or against Communism, that the Kremlin regime had never been elected by anyone in any free, competitive, democratic election, and further, that, virtually every day, there are attempts at revolts against the Kremlin regime by some of those millions of Russian people whom Communism has enslaved - and who do not agree at all that Communism is "good for the Russians."

Professor Root, in his book, "Brainwashing in the High Schools," explains, and we quote, "To bring our discussion home in the most particular manner possible, we have investigated one of the largest high schools in the United States, Evanston Township High School, in Evanston, Illinois."

This reporter assumes, therefore, that, Mr. Root singled out



this school for his case study for the apparent reason that the school was a large and important school, and because Mr. Root discovered that nine of those 11 books which he was discussing were employed as assigned texts at that school.

Obviously, the New York News' editorial was based on the revelation, as was the Chicago Tribune's inquiry and editorial reaction - reporter's interest. That is to say that, indeed, we have no reason for attempting to single out or pick upon Evanston Township High School or its distinguished Superintendent, Dr. Michael. To us, as we assume, it is to Professor Root, this is merely a fine case study - a case in point, a good case in point, too, by the way.

There is little question in this reporter's mind but what this case study must, in varying degrees, typify that which similiar research and inquiry would reveal at thousands of other high schools across the nation.

If teachers and textbooks reflect arguments in favor of Communism, Socialism, or collectivism in general against the Constitutionally-provided and guaranteed American way of life then, at least, they must certainly become suspect in some degree at the hands of parents or reporters.

We hasten to point out that, as represented in the Chicago Tribune's article, and in his interview with this reporter, Dr. Michael no time suggested that he favored collectivism, Socialism or Communism - or any other 'ism or ideology other than Americanism and the American system. We want to stress that.

It must noted, however, that the textbooks in question do, indeed, argue precisely as Professor Root has revealed - in his

book, "Brainwashing in the High Schools," in which he has quoted rather extensively from them, at the same moment, making an intelligent, intelligible, and highly informative rebuttals to those quotations from those same texts which he so severely questions.

For example - one of these books that he is talking about here (we're reading directly from the text book, one of them a book by Craven and Johnson) makes this quotation, talking about the French Revolution.

"This revolution was a struggle between the privileged and unprivileged classes in France, and many Americans were sympathetic with the social and political reforms that grew out of that revolution.

"They considered it a democratic movement similar to that in which they themselves only recently had been engaged...and it now appeared to them that Frenchmen were fighting for these same ideals."

"Actually," said Dr. Root, "the French Revolution set up the state as the mortal God of man's idolatry; the American Revolution subordinated the state of man. The French Revolution was a civil war of classes; the American Revolution a war to set up a new nation in which all classes should form a united people."

Well, that's the way it goes in Dr. Root's book.

As a result of our last night's broadcast on this vital subject, some of our listeners have inquired whether they may obtain copies of this book, "Brainwashing in the High Schools" through this reporter.

The answer is yes. We have arranged with the publishers to make the book available to our listeners at the regular price of \$4.50.

Bob Siegrist. Good night.

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December 3, 1958

RA

Mr. John F. Potter  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Western District of Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Potter:

I have read with deep interest your review of my book, "Masters of Deceit," in the Fall, 1958, issue of the "University of Pittsburgh Law Review."

It is my sincere hope that this book will be of assistance to the American people in their fight against atheistic communism. You were most kind to call it to the attention of your readers.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See Jones to Nease Memorandum captioned "Masters of Deceit" Reviews In "University of Pittsburgh Law Review" Fall, 1958, dated 12-1-58. FCS:mms. File 77-78057 reflects favorable applicant investigation on Potter in 1958 in relation to his present Federal employment.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MALCOLM ANDERSON  
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*Master of Deceit*

MEMORANDUM

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~~ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU:~~

~~RE: CRIMDEL - CRS~~

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Fall, 1958

Dr. Pound might be saying that if the union is awarded a favorable decision by the NLRB, that it then has enjoyed an immunity and constitutes unchecked power. Nothing is said if management is awarded a favorable decision.

His discussion of "right to work" is anything but factual and scholarly. The Pound paper leaves the impression that every workingman belongs to a union; that all unions do the hiring and firing; and that all workingmen have little or no relief against expulsion. Negotiated labor contracts and membership approved union constitutions bear witness to the contrary.

Finally, this reviewer can not help but ask—are all immunities "wrong," are some wrong; or are none wrong? This paper fails to touch on these questions. As a result it is difficult to understand the purpose of the whole discussion.

This book, in summary, could have made an outstanding contribution to the literature in the field had it stated supportable philosophical, political, economic and sociological norms as guides, and had it generally not first framed conclusions and then made the assembled data fit the conclusions. No new ideas or approaches to the problem of labor-management relations are revealed. Each of the four authors' solution calls for more punitive and restrictive legislation against the workingman. Laws have many social functions, the first of which is not to punish and restrict, but to help and bring about order.

Since neither labor nor management exists in a social vacuum, a more fruitful frame of reference for this book might have been "Labor-Management Relations and Public Policy."

Maurice P. Schulte\*

MASTERS OF DECEIT. By J. Edgar Hoover. New York: Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 1958. Pp. 374. \$5.00.

The civil libertarian, concerned with assuring free speech, free association and due process of law to everyone irrespective of ideology or political views, is not blind to the dual nature of the communist movement—part international conspiracy and part lawful action. He unequivocally opposes communism, fascism and all forms of totalitarianism and joins other Americans in resisting communist aggression and subversion. At the same time he strives to preserve the liberties that differentiate our form of

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government from that of the totalitarian states, as the surest guarantee of security for all Americans.

To the extent that J. Edgar Hoover, in *Masters of Deceit*, warns that the fight against communism must be waged "with full regard for the historic liberties of this great nation" and that "this is the fundamental premise of any attack against Communism," he has a staunch ally in anyone devoted to civil liberties. Unfortunately, Mr. Hoover is not always clear and consistent on this issue. He decries smears, character assassinations and irresponsible charges as divisive and hindering; nor would he confuse honest dissent with disloyalty. But he is resolute against some "who, using the protective cloak of the rights of all Americans as a cover, sought to conceal traitorous and subversive activities."

This attitude begs the question of due regard for basic constitutional guarantees in an excess of zeal for internal security. Mr. Hoover's book deals principally and in detail with the latter; it gives mere passing notice to the former. It completely ignores the series of bold decisions of the United States Supreme Court in the last two years upholding individual liberties against governmental encroachment. The author's emphasis is on menace, and any communist party member or sympathizer is a potential spy or saboteur, irrespective of proof of overt acts. The civil libertarian looks to the F.B.I., the law enforcement agencies and the courts to establish personal guilt of subversive actions by due process of law and with full regard for constitutional rights of free speech and association.

Mr. Hoover says in his Foreword, "My purpose has been to assemble, organize and present basic everyday facts of communism which will be of maximum help to the people in our country in recognizing and fighting the enemy in our midst." This he has done in an almost primer-like format. Chapters on the communist appeal in the United States, party organization, tactics and strategy, front activities, infiltration of labor unions, minority groups and civic organizations, are factual and informative. The descriptions of the underground apparatus and of espionage and sabotage have an E. Phillips Oppenheim flavor of intrigue. A forthright chapter on the communist attack on Judaism, dispelling the myth that communists are influential in Jewish communities, is quite persuasive.

There is a chapter on party growth in the United States during the 1930's and 1940's, which concludes by delineating the deterioration and decay of the party as of 1957. The factual account might well belie the central theme that the Communist Party of America is a serious present menace to American institutions.

When the cold war was at its height and Senator McCarthy held sway, the fear of communism was so great that the people, the legislatures and the courts approved government acts to control internal subversion.<sup>1</sup> When

1. *Dennis v. United States*, 341 U.S. 494 (1951); *Douglas v. American Communications Association*, 339 U.S. 382 (1950).



concern for security predominated, the security professionals, legislative committees and private amateurs were rather indifferent to the protective guarantees of the First, Fifth and Sixth Amendments. As international tensions subsided and fears about domestic communism lessened, the United States Supreme Court came forward with a line of decisions upholding the rights of individuals against government encroachments and curbing the power of the Government to investigate and punish persons for communist associations and beliefs. Mere advocacy and teaching of forcible overthrow of government as an abstract principle (unrelated to advocacy of concrete action to accomplish the objective) was held not to violate the Smith Act.<sup>2</sup> Admittedly false testimony of an F.B.I. informer "poisoned the water in the reservoir" and justified a new trial for four Pennsylvania communists.<sup>3</sup> The *Jencks* case exposed for purposes of cross-examination confidential reports of government witnesses to the F.B.I. relative to trial testimony.<sup>4</sup> Admission to practice law could not be denied by State Boards solely on grounds of past communist associations or beliefs<sup>5</sup> or for refusal to answer questions concerning such associations or beliefs.<sup>6</sup> Congressional and state investigating committees were curbed in their questioning of individuals about communist activities on grounds of impertinency and in the interest of academic freedom and political expression.<sup>7</sup>

These firm rulings, upholding constitutional liberties of speech and association against government infringement in the interest of security, reflect the best traditions of American democracy and did much to restore good sense and fairness in public proceedings in this country. There is no mention of any of these decisions in the book—a significant omission, if the fight against communism is to be waged "with full regard for our historic liberties."

Mr. Hoover has some suggestions on how to fight communism and how Americans can stay free. Among others, he holds that the intellectuals (philosophers, thinkers, professors, scientists and scholars) must themselves see that communism is the deadly enemy, and must convince men that communism is evil. But facts, truth and faith in American traditional democracy are the best weapons.

Liberal intellectuals take a more positive tack; they oppose Communism with better ideas and ideals of freedom, equality and security. Rather than

2. *Yates v. United States*, 354 U.S. 298 (1957).

3. *Mesarosh v. United States*, 352 U.S. 1 (1956).

4. *Jencks v. United States*, 353 U.S. 657 (1957).

5. *Schwartz v. Board of Bar Examiners*, 353 U.S. 232 (1957).

6. *Koenigsberg v. State Bar of California*, 353 U.S. 252 (1957).

7. *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178 (1957); *Sweezy v. New Hampshire*, 354 U.S. 234 (1957).

the J. Edgar Hoover accent on the menace of Communism, they prefer Chief Justice Earl Warren's advice:

In the present struggle between our world and Communism, the temptation to imitate totalitarian security methods is a subtle temptation that must be resisted day by day, for it will be with us as long as totalitarianism itself. . . . But the Constitution exists for the individual as well as for the nation. I believe it will prove itself adaptable to this new challenge.\*

*Sylvan Libson\**

"The pest of lawyers will be abolished," quotes Mr. Hoover, of the top communist leader in the United States. And this from those who claim to promote democracy. It is only one example of showing the deceit that actually does exist in the Red Party. Needless to say, all those in the legal profession would do well to read this account of the communist threat.

As a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States in 1919, the author was assigned to prepare a brief on the newly formed Communist Party in the United States. Thus, having studied the Red Party and its beliefs and workings for some thirty-one years, he has used the vast knowledge at his command to present a factual, vivid picture of communism in this country.

The author traces the Communist Party in the United States all the way from Karl Marx, the original founder of communism in its modern sense. Strangely enough, Marx was the son of a German lawyer, even though the Russians have done the most in developing the theory of communism. The tracing follows from Marx, through Engels, another German, and Lenin and Stalin, although the work concerns itself with the party in the United States. Mr. Hoover is most emphatic in stating that even though it is the Communist Party of the United States, it is completely dominated by Soviet Russia. Always, the party here looks to the Kremlin for its orders, and always it harbors the hope of a Soviet America. That, on the other hand, is stating it mildly. The party is extremely confident that there will be a communist society in these United States, possibly within the next two generations. Khrushchev himself made this prophesy in a television broadcast in this country.

Communism in the United States began in the years, 1919-1921, from a split in the Socialist Party. Actually, two parties were born, the Com-

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8. *The Law and the Future*, Fortune, November, 1955, p. 106.

munist Labor Party of America and the Communist Party of America. Many of the first members were foreign born and were will to do anything for the cause, a trait that still exists and will always exist in the party. The strife between these first two parties was so bitter that finally the Kremlin issued orders for one party, and obediently the two merged in 1921. The internal bickering over, it was time for the party to grow up, which it was prompt to do.

The first prime target was labor. Eventually it spread to all aspects of our society; law, medicine, art, and even the federal government.

One of the most astonishing aspects, and at the same time, one of the most dangerous, is the size of the Communist Party. Compared to the total population of any one country, the membership in the Party is quite small. It is by this small size that the threat remains huge, but not from the smallness *per se*. The threat lies in the deceit techniques that it can resort to because of its size. Being fewer in number, the communists can more easily work their way into positions of leadership without being detected as quickly as a larger group could be. This is a definite assignment for party leaders, to work their way into leading positions. Once there, they exert party influence by ingratiating themselves and then driving a wedge into the thoughts of those who have come to acknowledge them as leaders. This is accomplished by exploiting any and all issues that are current; the racial questions, the economic slowdown, and the like.

The leaders control the membership by dominating their thoughts, or, as it is popularly called, thought control. They tell the members what to do and how to do it. And to illustrate their success in this area, and the degree of obedience members have been told to divorce their spouses and give up their families for the good of the party, and they have obeyed.

Those who are Communist influenced fall into five classes: open members, concealed members, fellow travelers, opportunists and dupes. The first two speak for themselves and come under the strict party discipline and are actual Communists. The latter three are not Communists. The fellow travelers are more or less communist sympathizers, but not active members. The opportunists and the dupes are neither members or sympathizers at first, but are quickly used to advantage by the party. The dupes are the most tragic, since they are the ones who have no idea that they are being used to communist advantage.

United States communists, as do all the world over, claim to be liberal, progressive, social reformers, democratic and, in this country, American. But in truth they are just the opposite. This is where they really fit the term, "Masters of Deceit," saying one thing and meaning the opposite. The many communist front organizations attest to this.

People become communists because of this deceit. They do not realize that communists are just like the rest of us in everyday appearance. Be-

cause of this, the Reds are in the position of deceitfully working into the confidence of some unsuspecting material for the party and are quick to exploit a person's weakness and turn his thoughts to communism.

But there are those who break with the party. Why? Mostly, because they learn the truth. Everything the party supposedly stood for is finally realized not to exist.

One of the realizations that is sometimes overlooked by all, but is clearly explained in this book, is that there are two parts to the Communist Party. One is the above ground party that, naturally, is out in the open, operating when the government is lax in its prosecutive protection. The other is the underground, that always operates. Its methods are illegal; the use of espionage and sabotage is a good example.

In concluding his enlightening account, Mr. Hoover sets forth his beliefs as to why communism is a false religion and why the United States will not succumb to the communist threat. He further expresses his thoughts on how we can stay free in an active fight against the Red menace.

*John F. Potter\**

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: November 25, 1958

FROM : G. H. Scatterday

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By memorandum Mr. Malcolm Anderson of the Department forwarded to Assistant Director Rosen on 11-24-58, the Fall, 1958, edition of the "University of Pittsburgh Law Review," which contained two book reviews of the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit." One of the reviews was made by John F. Potter, Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania, and the other by Sylvan Libson, an attorney in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, associated with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The Director commented "What do we know of Sylvan Libson?"

The "University of Pittsburgh Law Review" described Sylvan Libson as receiving LL.B. University of Pittsburgh; member of Allegheny County bar, member of the ACLU; co-chairman, Legal Committee of the Pittsburgh Chapter, ACLU.

The Bureau has not conducted any investigation concerning Libson. The 1958 edition of Martindale-Hubbell shows Libson was born in 1908 and admitted to the bar in 1931. He received A.B. and LL.B. from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is presently associated with David Olbum in the Jones Law Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In 1946 the name Sylvan Libson, lawyer, Jones Law Building, appeared as a board member of the Pittsburgh Council of American-Soviet Friendship. The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General. (100-146964-1131)

The "Lawyers Guild Review" for January-February, 1948, listed Sylvan Libson, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as a member of the executive board of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG). NLG has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front in 1944 and 1950.

Bufiles contain no information indicating any association on the part of Libson with the American Civil Liberties Union.

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December 24, 1958

Captain [redacted]  
Tribunal Superior de Guerra  
Ciudad Militar  
Habana, Cuba

Dear Captain:

The office of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has sent us a copy of your letter of December 1st requesting permission to translate MASTERS OF DECEIT.

Mr. Tolson, of Mr. Hoover's office, referred the matter to the President of this company who has in turn handed it to me for consideration. I am sorry to inform you that gratified as we are by your interest in this wonderful book, we cannot accede to the request, inasmuch as we have already been in the process of negotiating for a Spanish translation. If we gave the permission which you request, we would, of course, violate our contractual agreements which are now being negotiated. However, if you will keep in touch with me, I shall be delighted to let you know when the Spanish translation is available so that you can have it for distribution in some equitable manner at which we can arrive.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Glyde Tolson

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Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
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Dear Ed:

Mr. Hoover has received a request from Dr. [redacted] Director, The Pinebrook Book Clubs, advising of the Clubs' desire to feature "Masters of Deceit" in its monthly magazine entitled "Bookcast" and make the book available to club members. I thought you would like to know about this, and I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Hoover's letter to Dr. [redacted]

Sincerely,

*Clyde Tolson*  
Clyde Tolson

Enclosure

NOTE: See Jones to Nease memo dated 12/29/58 captioned "Dr. [redacted]"

[redacted] Director, The Pinebrook Book Clubs, 140 Chnrchtown Road, Pennsville, New Jersey." DWB:ncr

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 THE PINEBROOK BOOK CLUBS  
 140 CHURCHTOWN ROAD  
 PENNSVILLE, NEW JERSEY

*[Handwritten signature]*

We received a letter dated December 8, 1958, from captioned individual enclosing a copy of a magazine entitled "Bookcast" which sets out brief information about various books offered to members of The Pinebrook Book Clubs. Dr. [REDACTED] states they would like to feature "Masters of Deceit" in "Bookcast" and make it available to club members. He requested an autographed photograph of the Director to use on the cover of "Bookcast" in connection with this.

An in-absence reply was afforded on December 12, 1958, since Dr. [REDACTED] was not identifiable in Bufiles, and we had no record on the book clubs or "Bookcast." The field was requested to conduct a discreet inquiry. By airtel of December 18, 1958, Newark Office reported its inquiry revealed no derogatory information concerning the book clubs, or Dr. [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] who also is connected with the clubs. Newark instructed Philadelphia to make an indices check on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who resides in Philadelphia. Philadelphia by airtel of December 19, 1958, reported indices negative on [REDACTED] and the only positive information on [REDACTED] was the fact that he apparently had been in contact with the subject of a Sedition investigation during 1943. This information obtained from a mail cover. Baltimore by teletype of December 24, 1958, reported its indices were negative. Bufiles show no derogatory information on [REDACTED] and indicate limited prior correspondence with him.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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(1) That the attached letter be sent to [REDACTED] approving his request.

(2) That the attached letter be sent to MDEC Rigg 1500

Enclosures (2) sent 12-30-58

DWB:ncr

(3) ncr

*[Handwritten initials]*

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January 2, 1959

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Ed:

I am sending you a copy of a letter from Mr. [redacted] Chairman, Commission on Subversive Activities of the Territory of Hawaii, dated December 22, 1958, and Mr. Hoover's reply to him dated January 2, 1959. I am referring this matter to you since you will note that Mr. [redacted] requests permission for the Commission to quote from "Masters of Deceit."

It would be appreciated if you would contact Mr. [redacted] in connection with his request.

Sincerely, **EX 103**

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Clyde Tolson

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Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Acknowledgment to Mr. [redacted] letter sent him on same date

WHS:lmh  
(3) *lmh*

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- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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